

HIGH 'N DRY



December 2022

Volusia County Intergroup Services

Districts 8, 19, 20, 21 and 32

Coastal Center

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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."



Editor's choice

Not my holiday

I was always haunted by memories of past holidays. I would avoid places where they played Christmas music. Sometimes I'd ignore my feelings and instead throw myself into Christmas music and decorations, only to fall into a deep depression after a few weeks. "Oh, not again!" I'd say. "Didn't I do this last year?"

A few years ago, I found the answer of how to deal with this time of year, and it was a similar one that our co-founders discovered. I realized that I wasn't the only one who got depressed, and I started looking for ways to help my fellow alcoholics have an easier time getting through December. Imagine that, thinking of someone besides me!

I encouraged our A.A. group to open up earlier for fellowship and snacks. Everyone thought it was a good idea, however no one wanted to open that early, so I did it! I made coffee and brought some snacks in. I also started paying attention to what my fellows shared at our meetings. I would try to catch many of them afterward and give them a hug or a friendly smile. If they seemed to be struggling, I'd ask if they would like to go



somewhere to have coffee and talk. If not—and usually it was not—at least I had asked. Before long I was not noticing “my” holidays and “my” problems. I

made a lot of meetings looking for someone to cheer up. I don't know how much it helped those I encountered, but it sure kept me content and sober through the holidays. Before I knew it, it was New Year's Eve and time for our annual alkathon!

I used to dread the torture around Thanksgiving and Christmas. Those days never felt like holidays to me. But now I'm grateful I have found the answer. May we all have a sane and sober New Year!

— Elizabeth E, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Grapevine, December 2014

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Dance into 2023! First YOLO New Year's Eve Dance



New Year's Eve
(Saturday, Dec. 31)
Speaker: 7:30-8:30 pm
Dance (the year away):
9 pm-12:15 am
Dignity Memorial
4815 Clyde Morris Blvd.
Port Orange
\$5 suggested donation
Bring a dish to share

From the archives: Anonymity



Here is the long form of traditions eleven and twelve:

11. Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising.

Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us.

12. And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.

Anonymity: As archives Service Coordinator for North Florida, I was working on A.A. history in north Florida and last names were part of archival information. After all, Dr. Bob and Bill W.'s last names are known and often repeated. I asked about using the full last names of early A.A. Florida members (since they were deceased), but was reminded that one cannot break another's anonymity even if they are deceased. A quick search of aa.org website yielded this on anonymity: "A.A. members generally think it unwise to break the anonymity of the member even after the member's death, but in each situation, the final decision must rest with the family. A.A. members, though, are in agreement that the anonymity of still living A.A. members should be respected in obituaries or in any type of printed remembrance or death notice."



Note: Before the traditions were written, in the March 1, 1941 Jack Alexander article in the Saturday Evening Post, there is a photo of a typical clubhouse meeting and Bill W can be seen clearly in the group photo.

However, in the article they use alternative names for Bill and Bob, captioning: "At that moment, nervously pacing the lobby of an Akron hotel was the broker from New York, whom we shall arbitrarily call Griffith."

I encourage each home group to submit their group history form. The form is available at Intergroup office. When you do submit your home group founders to archives, you may include last names as there are many "Bill W's" in the A.A. fellowship, but only one original "Bill W." (aka *Griffith*). As I am the archivist, I can assure last names will not be repeated to others in press, radio, or film [nor internet]. (While internet is not officially part of the tradition verbiage it is part of the spirit of anonymity.)

— Jim B, Intergroup Archives

Different takes on anonymity
"I always worried someone would notice me, and then when no one did, I felt lonely."

— Curtis Sittenfeld, *Prep*

"Who are you?"
"No one of consequence."
"I must know."
"Get used to disappointment."

— William Goldman, *The Princess Bride*

GSO Contributions:

General Services Office
Post Office Box 2407
James A Farley Station
New York, NY 10116-2407

Area 14 Contributions:

NFAC Treasurer
PO Box 226
DeLeon Springs, FL 32130

Intergroup Contributions:

Volusia County Intergroup
Coastal Centre
1635 S. Ridgewood, # 107
South Daytona, FL 32119

Volusia Voices

Intergroup news and information

Volusia County Intergroup Representative's Meetings: 6:30 pm, 3rd Thursday each month at the Central Baptist Church, 142 Fairview Ave (just north of International Speedway Blvd. off US 1)
Steering Committee Meetings: 6:30 pm, 2nd Thursday each month, 1635 S. Ridgewood Ave.

THANK YOU!

Special thanks to the following for generous contributions:

October group contributions

Riverbridge
Basic Text
Thursday Night Men's
Sand & Sea
Open to Change
Noon DeLand
YOLO
Pass it On
Happy Hour DB
Lifesavers
DeLand Big Book
Fourtowns
Attitude Adjustment

Sunrise DeLand
Hour of Power
Sunday Morning Sober
Wednesday Women's
New Dawn
Early Ducks

Anonymous \$23.10
7th Tradition \$8
IGR Meeting \$32

**Total October donations
\$5255.51**



Volusia County Intergroup Office

Open:
Monday – Friday
9 am – 5 pm
Saturday 9 am – 1 pm
Anniversary Coins, Books,
Book covers, Cards, Jewelry.
Credit cards accepted.

Vacant Service positions

Intergroup is seeking a volunteer to edit the 2023-24 issues of High 'n Dry. Intergroup needs a volunteer for the front desk, alternate Fridays, 9 am-1 pm. If you are interested in service work, please contact our Office Coordinator, Candy C.

Email: admin@aadaytona.org
Phone: (386) 756-2930

Intergroup Representatives attending November 2022



Free to Be
Good Day Group
Happy Hour
Precisely How
Tomoka Group
Wednesday Women's
YOLO
The Driveway
Back to Basics
Bill's Neighborhood

Deltona Men's Group
MAL D19
Sunrise Group
Ladies Tuesday Night
High Noon
Lifesavers
Alcoholic and God
Grateful Group
Message in a Bottle
Ormond Beach Group
Riverbridge Group

When sending a donation check, please be sure your group's name is noted.

Committees, Coordinators, and Volusia County Intergroup updates for November 2022

Office Coordinator: We had 209 visits and 41 calls to Intergroup. — Candy C

Webmaster: We've been having major problems with the website being down for short periods of time throughout the day. After numerous calls with GoDaddy, they are still working on the issue. (Editor's comment: Hugh has gone above and beyond to develop an alternative plan that would alleviate all these problems. The steering committee is reviewing the suggestions.) — Hugh P

High 'n Dry Editor: It has been a pleasure to serve as editor. Future issues will be edited by Debbie W and James W, who we have introduced in an article on page 4. — Mary Ellen

12th Step Principle

A personal tribute to Service

As the New Year looms ahead, we cannot permit 2022 to end without mention of our past Intergroup office coordinator, Margaret K. Few people are aware of the challenges connected to the office coordinator's position and of how well Margaret met those challenges.



Because of our service with the High 'n Dry, Mary Ellen and I both understand the level of coordination and organization required of the office coordinator to produce a quality newsletter. The collation and dissemination of reports includes office coordinator webmaster, phone army, financial, events, archives, High 'n Dry, as well as various committees. Then there are meeting changes, events, anniversaries, coordination, scheduling, activities, and more, all of which can be overwhelming. Margaret, however, never failed to provide us with her complete and prompt support. Without her, it would have been impossible to produce a quality High 'n Dry.

Editors are generally given credit, or blame, for the level of success, or lack of, concerning the newsletter. The truth is that the editor does not stand alone but is in partnership with the office coordinator.

Margaret excelled in every way.
Thank you, Margaret.

— Tom L, High Noon
— Mary Ellen, Hour of Power

A good-bye and thank you

This is Mary Ellen's final issue editing High 'n Dry. Her contribution to the growth of the publication is invaluable. She excelled in every way, and she far surpassed our hopes and trust that we placed in her care. Her professionalism and skill is amazing and her attention to detail is impeccable. We are proud of her service and grateful for it.

She now joins the ranks of former editors. We will miss her, yet we will continue to see her influence in future issues.

— Tom L, High Noon
Former editor and incoming chairman

A hello and thank you

Meet our new High 'n Dry editor(s)

We would like to introduce ourselves as your new editor(s) of High 'n Dry, starting January 2023:

Debbie W (8/24/2007)
and **James (Jamie) W**
(9/1/2009). As a team,



we work together, compromise together, decide together and above all she always gets her way.

Our home group is Choice is Yours at the Yana Club. We moved to the area from Maryland more than a year ago and figured if we put our strengths and his flaws together, we can make it work and provide your monthly newsletter.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

— Debbie and Jamie W, editors

Area 14 North Florida celebrates service

Every Wednesday, 6 pm EST
ID: 828 5682 4762 ... Passcode Service
Phone: 646-558-8656; PW: 8865328

Meetings cover General Service Conference topics.

Monthly District meetings

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

District 19: 4th Thursday (note change in day) – 6:30 pm, First Cong. Church (Fellowship Hall), 201 W. University, Orange City

District 20: 3rd Sunday, United Church of Christ, 203 Washington St., NSB. 6:30 for PI and Treatment Committees, 7 pm for District meeting.

District 21: (Zoom only.) 4th Thursday – 6:30 pm.
Zoom ID: 483 579 4388; PW: district21.

District 32: 1st Monday – Zoom only, 6 pm.
Contact dbflorida2@gmail.com for email invitation.

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

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Upcoming events



Christmas alcothon at YANA

Time	Group
Saturday, Dec. 24	Saturday, Dec. 24th
6-8 pm	Young at Heart
8-10 pm	NSB Group
10-12 am	High Noon
Sunday, Dec. 25	Sunday, Dec. 25
12-2 am	Seaside
2-4 am	Friday Night Men's
4-6 am	Friday Night Men's
6-8 am	Hour of Power
8-10 am	Never Had It So Good
10-11 am	Last Chance
11 am-12 pm	New Dawn
12-2 pm	The Choice is Yours
2-4 pm	Lifesavers
4-6 pm	TBD

New Year's alcothon at REBOS

Time	Group
Saturday, Dec. 31	Saturday, Dec. 31
5:30-8 pm	5:30 Group
8-10 pm	NSB Group
10-12 am	Lifesavers
Sunday, Jan. 1	Sunday, Jan. 1
12-2 am	Seaside
2-4 am	Friday Night Men's
4-6 am	Friday Night Men's
6-8 am	Hour of Power
8-10 am	Women's Book Study
10 am -12 pm	New Dawn
12-2 pm	Daily Reflections
2-4 pm	Beachside
4-5:30 pm	High Noon



Both alcothons are continuous meetings to celebrate sobriety and fellowship.



District 20
 Light food donations are welcome.
Locations: Christmas, Club YANA, 111 Howes St., Port Orange
 New Year's, REBOS Club, 2140 S. Riverside Drive, Units 27 and 28, Edgewater
 Contact: Gary D, 386-478-3429

December Anniversaries

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TOMOKA GROUP BEACHSIDE		
JULIAN B	3	12/8/2019
YOUNG AT HEART		
MORGAN D	1	12/7/2021
DONNA K	1	12/9/2021
YOLO		
DANIELLE L	3	12/29/2019
ASHLEY	2	12/1/2020
JOHN B	2	12/4/2020
RYAN W	3	12/16/2019
WE ARE ALIVE		
KANDIS N	34	12/1/1988
BRENDA B	5	12/10/2017
WAY OF LIFE		
TINA M	2	12/10/2020
FRANK S	2	12/7/2020
LANCE H	1	12/8/2021
SARAH	1	12/15/2021

Concept XII

The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

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December Anniversaries



NAME	YR	DATE	NAME	YR	DATE	NAME	YR	DATE
5:30 Group			EASY DOES IT CLUB			LEST WE FORGET		
GARY F.	38	12/17/1984	JOHN T	21	12/1/2001	GLENN A J	31	12/7/1991
ALMA R	19	12/25/2003	SANDRA D	14	12/19/2008	JON G	14	12/21/2009
BILL H	13	12/15/2009	DEBBIE R	13	12/17/2009	ROBERT R	7	12/31/2016
GARY R	13	12/24/2009	JESSIE D	12	12/22/2010	LIFESAVERS		
SAMANTHA T	10	12/12/2012	ALLISON K	8	12/26/2014	JUDY N	20	12/26/2002
JEANINE W	10	12/12/2012	THERESA B	7	12/11/2015	MIRACLE GROUP		
BRUCE S	3	12/12/2019	BRANDON L	6	12/25/2016	GAYLE	11	12/26/2011
COREY S	1	12/14/2021	JUEN B	3	12/8/2019	ALLISON K	8	12/26/2011
4 TOWNES GROUP			MIKE Z	2	12/5/2020	LOC'S A	21	12/13/2001
MARY S	45	12/1/1977	RACHAEL T	1	12/1/2021	NEW SMYRNA BEACH GROUP		
ANDY B	34	12/27/1988	FRIDAY NOON MEN'S			KANDIS N	34	12/1/1988
EAGLE	28	12/19/1994	MATT H	24	12/29/1998	PENNEY M	7	12/26/2015
JEN K	5	12/25/2017	FRIDAY SOBRIETY GROUP			NEW DAWN		
ALCOHOLICS & GOD			JOHN W	48	11/24/1974	CINDY D	2	12/12/2020
CAITLYN M	5	12/25/2017	GOOD DAY GROUP			ED D	18	12/27/2004
ALOHA			TOBIAS C	12	12/21/2010	NEW HOPE		
MEGHAN	3	12/11/2019	MIKE M	3	12/23/2019	TONY H	36	12/14/1986
JOE D	2	12/12/2020	RICHARD D	1	12/3/2021	NOON GROUP/DELAND		
BACK TO BASICS			LINDSEY M	1	12/7/2021	RICH P	36	12/14/1986
ED V	15	12/7/2007	HAPPY HOUR DB			BILL C	16	12/20/2006
DAVID O	18	12/14/2004	RICKY	14	12/7/2008	RUDY F	6	12/20/2016
LOUISE P	39	12/16/1983	CELESTE M	8	12/22/2014	RIVERBRIDGE		
ANN MARIE L	37	12/31/1985	ANGELA S	6	12/15/2016	BRAD M	17	12/10/1985
BEACHSIDE			DANIEL V	2	12/16/2020	SUNRISE GROUP/DELAND		
CHUCK A	7	12/2/2015	TOMMY J	2	12/17/2020	ARLENE	19	12/2004
CHOICE IS YOURS			TODD L	2	12/23/2020	NANCY C	17	12/2005
JOE S	44	12/7/1978	TOM T	2	12/31/2020	DOUG B	12	12/2010
JOHN P	43	12/20/1979	JOE B	1	12/5/2021	PETER S	6	12/2016
JIM F	26	12/6/1996	SONYA Z	1	12/18/2021	RICK H	39	12/1983
KIRK	3	12/10/2019	JOHN B	1	12/5/2021	DANE R	2	12/2020
SHERRY C	3	12/28/2019	MARK A	1	12/25/2021	JOHN C	3	12/2019
DANIELLE	3	12/28/2019	AMBER R	1	12/28/2021	SUNRISE GROUP/HOLLY HILL		
LINDSEY H	1	12/5/2021	HIGH NOON			CHRISSEY T	2	12/25/2020
DONUT GROUP			CHUCK A	7	12/2/2015	ANDY K	11	12/10/2011
MIKE G	25	12/3/1997	STEVE S	1	12/10/2021	GAYLE K	11	12/26/2011
JUDY R	4	12/13/2018	HOOR OF POWER			MARK Z	33	12/30/1989
PAUL	2	12/8/2020	STEVE E	33	12/10/1989	STEPS FOR LIFE		
DELAND GROUP			JOHN O	44	12/31/1978	DONNA W	9	12/18/2013
JANE W	37	12/5/1985	LAKE HELEN SATURDAY STEP GROUP			Please see more December anniversaries on page 5!		
JAY L	36	12/20/1986	BRUCE L	28	11/4/1994			
			DANA M	10	11/9/2012			