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Districts 8, 19, 20, 21 and 32

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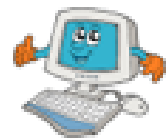
*"I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am responsible.*



## HAPPY NEW YEAR

**\*\*WEBMASTER BREAKING NEWS\*\***

**NEW WEBSITE: AADAYTONA.ORG**



Hi & Happy New Year Everyone! We're excited to let you all know that the new website is finished. Some of the newer features of the website includes a Meeting Change/New Meeting form, an Event form that allows flyer uploads, and a Sober Birthday Anniversary form. These will all help to keep our meetings, events, and monthly birthday anniversaries more organized, so please use the website as much as possible when submitting these items. I've also included a Donation Button where any AA Members can make a donation directly on the website. I want to thank everyone who gave input on the building of the site. Please visit [aadaytona.org](http://aadaytona.org) and tell us what you think. Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Thank You

~Hugh P. [webmaster@aadaytona.org](mailto:webmaster@aadaytona.org)



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## From the archives: AA Tomorrow – By Bill W.

This is gleanings from an article by Bill W. to the 25 th Anniversary of A.A.: A special edition of the Grapevine Publications. A book we have at Archives. Copyright 1960 (ours is a second printing).

I picked this article because January is a new year. New Years resolutions and new beginnings. Maybe, reflection on Bill's thoughts from 1960 can inspire us to build A.A. for our tomorrow. "Clearly our first duty to AA's future is to maintain in full strength what we have now... Never should we be lulled into complacent self-satisfaction. During the last twenty-five years it is quite certain twenty five million men and women throughout the world have suffered alcoholism. A.A. have brought recovery to something like two hundred and fifty thousand." Do we wait and hope they find A.A.? Remember Dr. Bob and his co-worker Sister Ignatia how they worked in Akron and Silky's labor for us. Recall your own sponsor who cared enough. Can you say "let George do that... I'm busy?"

Future responsibility is also to those who suffered the consequences of alcoholism our family our kids. "The answer is alcoholic education -- AA style."

They have seen us drunk and sober and been to meetings and this kind of educations "has no doubt save a hundred thousand of our children."



Al-Anon Family Groups has jumped from a handful to 1,300 of them in last ten years. They have been using the Twelve Steps sometime more than us to "practice these principles in all our affairs."

There is a need for continued spiritual growth. "Here most of us show a heavy deficit and I'm [Bill] a notable example... We can never take our plodding progress as the slightest alibi for setting ourselves second rate goals. Our highest aim can be emotional sobriety." Our fellowship with "language of the heart" communicates across barriers of distance, language, social distinctions, and creed that divide our world. So long as we know A.A. is God's gift rather than any virtue earned or created by ourselves so long as we speak the language of love we can count are "one world of A.A." to be more inclusive of those in need. Hope you enjoyed Bill W.'s words as much as I did. Happy New Year

Archives Jim B.

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Poem

**A Journey – by Ashley S.**

Alcoholism is the demon on my back  
A malady deep rooted in my soul  
Downing a bottle till everything goes black  
Falling deeper into the endless hole

Lost and confused  
Desperate for escape  
Leaving my life bruised  
My reflection a forgi

Beaten to the ground  
Then I found hope  
No longer living bound  
I united the rope

The role of victim I refused  
My true self I found  
My defects no longer excused  
Cleared away the hardening sand

Loving myself  
Finding gratitude  
The past left on the shelf  
Changing everything I viewed

Becoming who I'm meant to be  
Finding comfort in my skin  
A positive is all I see  
But always remembering when



**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](mailto:dbflorida2@gmail.com) for email invitation.

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## January Anniversaries

NAME	YR	DATE
<b>Aloha Group</b>		
Arlene C	31	1/24/1992
Mike Y	22	1//1/2001
Jean B	4	1/28/2018
Laurie F	4	1/22/2014
Roger L	3	1/20/2020
Katie	3	1/11/2020
Jill O	2	1/9/2021
Main W	2	1/11/2021
Stephen R	2	1/25/2021
<b>Back to Basics</b>		
Sean D	17	1/9/2006
Horatio M	7	1/22/2016
<b>Beachside</b>		
Paul	39	1/3/1984
Patty	29	1/1/1994
Karen D	16	1/5/2007
Ed T	10	1/23/2013
<b>Choice is Yours</b>		
Bob D	49	1/1/1974
Don P	45	1/4/1978
Missy	43	1/2/1980
Doc	36	1/6/1987
Susan T	31	1/6/1992
Ashley	3	1/1/2020
Roger L	3	1/20/2020
Michael D	3	1/2/2020
<b>Donut Group</b>		
Missy S	33	1/2/1990
Cindee B	23	1/5/2000
Sally L	11	1/10/2012
Hal S	10	1/11/2013
Lory S	10	1/11/2013
Michelle J	3	1/1/2020
Will H	3	1/25/2020
<b>Early Ducks</b>		
Clark W	51	1/1/1972
Bill O	45	1/28/1978
Jacquie D	35	1/1/1988
Dave M	31	1/31/1992
Joe M	27	1/6/1996
Sally S	18	1/14/2005
Greg S	18	1/20/2005
Gary B	14	1/20/2009
Bill C	9	1/30/2014
Chelsea	7	1/10/2016
Kiko A	5	1/7/2018
Jamie H	4	1/12/2019
Scott G	3	1/4/2020

NAME	YR	DATE
<b>Four Townes</b>		
Janice M	44	1/14/1979
Paul M	33	1/1/1990
Tito S	6	1/1/2017
<b>Good Day Group</b>		
Mickv	26	1/7/1997
<b>Happy Hour</b>		
Tom D	28	1/18/1995
Sonny	24	1/1/1999
Donald C	9	1/16/2014
Kelly B	4	1/10/2018
Wendl	3	1/16/2020
Angel G	3	1/4/2020
Daniel R	3	1/28/2020
Steven R	2	1/10/2021
Van L	2	1/8/2021
Ken T	2	1/6/2021
Donni M	1	1/5/2022
Mike B	1	1/15/2022
Luis G	1	1/14/2022
<b>High Noon</b>		
Janelle	43	1/30/1980
Gretchen B	20	1/3/2003
Tim G	10	1/1/2013
Lori A	6	1/25/2017
Linda E	1	1/31/2022
<b>Lest We Forget</b>		
Phil B	37	1/6/1986
Deb S	32	1/1/1991
Gena H	19	1/11/2004
Linda R	16	1/14/2007
Mayra C	5	1/1/2018
Carolyn F	3	1/22/2020
Danny P	1	1/18/2022
<b>Lifesavers</b>		
Larry F	41	1/9/1982
Paul B	39	1/2/1984
Ed J	35	1/28/1988
Yvonnee G	32	1/20/1991
<b>Miracle Group</b>		
Dianne B	11	1/13/2012
Linda C	6	1/15/2016
<b>New Dawn Group</b>		
Craig E	20	1/3/2003
Bob Schnurr	17	1/10/2006
Kim Castro	11	1/8/2012
Sally L	11	1/10/2012
Laura D	5	1/11/2018
Tony G	4	1/1/2019

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NAME	YR	DATE
<b>New Dawn Group Contined</b>		
Jackie	35	1/1/1988
Missy S	33	1/2/1990
Leah G	31	1/1/1992
Laura L	26	1/1/1997
Sylvia	21	1/6/2002
<b>Noon Group - Deland</b>		
Jonanne B	40	1/15/1983
Sonny W	10	1/6/2012
Les M	6	1/14/2016
Tito S	6	1/1/2017
<b>Open to Change</b>		
Jaquie	35	1/1/1988
Terri A	32	1/25/1991
Sandy L	11	1/7/2012
Mike L	10	1/17/2013
Boston Jim	8	1/8/2015
Charles C	4	1/23/2019
Caroline F	3	1/22/2020
<b>Ormond Beach Group</b>		
Daryl H	8	1/23/2014
A.J. H	6	1/2/2016
Benji C	3	1/3/2019
Brad G	1	1/5/2021
<b>Pass It On</b>		
Jeff B	12	
Lou Ann	6	
Ken S	1	
<b>Riverbridge Group</b>		
David W	31	1/17/1992
Mark C	18	1/24/2005
Pinky G	1	1/24/2022
<b>Road to Recovery</b>		
Adam	6	1/16/2017
Angelo	5	1/19/2018
<b>Steps for Life</b>		
Judith S	46	1/8/1977
Joan P	36	1/1/1987
Michelle J	3	1/1/2020
Angel C	3	1/4/2020
Carrie	2	1/8/2021
<b>Sunrise Group - Deland</b>		
Joanne B	40	
Jim F	12	
Nancy T	8	
Larry R	5	
Michelle S	5	
Tammy M	2	
Chris K	1	

NAME	YR	DATE
<b>Way of Life</b>		
Mark O	2	1/3/2021
Terra F	2	1/4/2021
Laurie Y	2	1/6/2021
Shannon M	2	1/18/2021
Dean M	1	1/2/2021
Johnny	1	1/2/2022
Christopher	1	1/3/2022
Chris	1	1/4/2022
Keegan H	1	1/14/2022
Eugene T	1	1/16/2022
Donovan P	1	1/23/2022
<b>We Are Alive</b>		
DeAnn P	4	1/11/2019
Rob C	3	1/23/2020
<b>Tomoka Group Beachside</b>		
Tammy M	33	1/7/1990
Nancy C	29	1/15/1994
<b>Wednesday Women's December Missed Meetings</b>		
Beryl D	38	12/2/1984
Inger W	26	12/17/1996
Jill S	20	12/25/2002
Janice K	5	12/26/2017
<b>Wednesday Women's</b>		
Judith S	46	1/8/1977
Carla J	46	1/10/1977
Janet M	43	1/26/1980
Jody V	1	1/24/2022
<b>YOLO</b>		
Patty M	29	1/1/1994
Glenn P	5	1/27/2018
Mike D	3	1/2/2020
Ryan M	1	1/14/2022
Ryan M	1	1/17/2022
<b>Young at Heart</b>		
Theresa	19	1/2/2004
Ashley	3	1/1/2020

**Congratulations  
Everyone!!!!**

**2,233 Years  
of Sobriety in  
January 2023**

## Intergroup News and Meeting Schedule

**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).



**Special thanks to the following for the contributions:  
Group contributions**

Young At Heart Lest We Forget How It Works OB Back to Basics Deland Sand & Sea Steering Committee & IGR Sunday Morning Sober Seaside NSB	<b>Total Group Contributions</b> <b>\$784.00</b>  <b>Anonymous Donations</b> <b>\$47.30</b>  <b>TOTAL NOVEMBER DONATIONS</b> <b>\$831.30</b>  <b>Anonymous Family Donation</b> <b>\$1,000</b> <b>In Memory of Bob W</b>
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Intergroup Office**

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**Intergroup Representatives attending December 2022 meeting:**



Choice is Yours	Ladies Tuesday Night
New Dawn	Road to Recovery
Alcoholic and God	Back to Basics
Four Townes	Deland BB Study
Grateful Group	Free to Be
Ormond Beach Group	Good <u>Day</u> Group
Riverbridge Group	Precisely How
Lest We Forget	Road to Recovery
Sunrise Group	YOLO

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

**Committees, Coordinators, and Volusia County Intergroup updates**

**Office Coordinator:** In November, Intergroup had 179 visits and 59 calls.

**Website Administrator:** New Daytona AA website with new DONATION BUTTON on the homepage. Also, on the website is a place to enter AA anniversaries.

**High 'n Dry Editor's:** We have been working hard on our first newsletter, hope all enjoyed.

## Laugh of the Month

A man and his wife were awoken at 3:00 am by a loud pounding on the door. The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push.

"Not a chance," says the husband, "it is 3:00 in the morning!"

He slams the door and returns to bed.

"Who was that?" asked his wife..

"Just some drunk guy asking for a push," he answers.

"Did you help him?" she asks.

"No, I did not, it is 3:00 in the morning and it is pouring rain out there!"

"Well, you have a short memory," says his wife. "Can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down, and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself!"

The man does as he is told, gets dressed, and goes out into the pounding rain.

He calls out into the dark, "Hello, are you still there?"

"Yes," comes back the answer.

"Do you still need a push?" calls out the husband.

"Yes, please!" comes the reply from the dark.

"Where are you?" asks the husband.

"Over here on the swing," replied the drunk



## Step I

*"We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable."*

## Tradition I

*"Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity"*

## Concept I

*"Final responsibility and ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship:"*

## Quote of the Month from the August 1981 Grapevine

*"The truth has a way of changing every time you think you know it."*

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## Editor's Choice

### Thinking It Through – October 1982

THE DISCUSSION meeting had actually ended. The last member present had spoken. But throughout the room, hands were shooting up to be recognized.

"Can I say something?"

"Let me comment on that."

"I want to add something, too."

The discussion topic had been AA's slogans—which ones we like best and use the most. The last speaker had mentioned "Think, Think, Think." That was the slogan, he said, that he *disliked* the most. Thinking was what had fueled his drinking. He wished we could scratch that slogan. The room cheered, and individuals clamored to concur.

It's true that before I entered Alcoholics Anonymous, about all I did was think, think, think. I was so busy thinking about what had happened at work earlier that I never noticed how much gin I was drinking. I was so busy planning what I would say to some son of a gun tomorrow that I neglected to plan supper.

My thoughts were sick, and I regarded myself as a victim of those thoughts. I never took responsibility for them. I guess it never occurred to me I *could* have thoughts that weren't wildly anxious or desperately depressed. When I entered AA, the quality of my thinking would clearly have to change if I was to stay away from that gin. So my sponsor explained our slogan to me.

"Think through that drink before you pick it up," she said. "Remember the events that turned your last *drink* into your last *drunk*? Think through the horror of your actions, the physical pain of the morning after, the remorse you felt, the disgust in the eyes of your husband.

"Think," she said, "think, think before you make that angry comment or mail that bitter letter. How important is it? Perhaps we have no control over what thoughts occur to us," she explained, "but we must take responsibility for the thoughts we allow to remain. Especially, choose thoughts of gratitude over thoughts of discontent. Think how much you've gained before you risk what you have."

Lots of times, newcomers don't interpret our slogans accurately. We patiently explained "Easy Does It" to the newcomer who is anxious to assume it means "Don't bother going to work."

And when we do explain it, we give the newcomer hope. With practice, we explain, we gain a new perspective on the things we do that brings new peace of mind. Life will not always be as stressful as it has been.

Similarly, we must explain "Think, Think, Think" to give the newcomer hope. As we recover in AA, the part of us that was the sickest—our thoughts—will also recover. Allied with God, the newcomer learns, our thoughts become more healthy and more trustworthy.

**By: H.G. Dallas, Texas**