

# HIGH 'N DRY

Volusia County Intergroup Services



Districts 8, 19, 20, 21 and 32

September

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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."*



## Fuchsia for your Future in Volusia

As I approach my nine-month anniversary of sobriety I stand in wonder as to how this program has helped me change, to quit drinking and become a better person. I've progressed so much, inside and outside the program, that there is much I now perceive in the 12 steps that have influenced my growth.

I have visited and revisited the first three steps a number of times. Each time I do I discover something new about myself. With the wonderful influence of some great people inside and outside of AA I truly believe that I have accepted my higher power and entrusted my will and my life to His care.

As the product of sixteen years of religious education I thought that I needed to embrace all the teachings of my church. I thought accepting my higher power was not enough, I had to understand and accept the teachings of the doctors of the church and those of Archbishop John Mark Gannon and Bishop Fulton Sheen. I guess that would be nice but all I have to do is turn my will and my life over to the care of my God. I understand that He will guide me

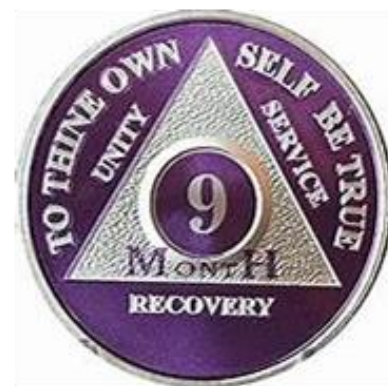
to turn from alcohol and become the person I wish to be.

This nine-month journey has been fantastic. I have met and come under the influence of many great, happy, and peaceful moments. My life is so much better.

So, as I accept my 9-month chip I'm reminded of what one of the chip angels likes to say: "It's fuchsia for your future in Volusia."

Not only do I pray for God's help I beg.  
And I know real men still cry.

Paul  
South Daytona



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## ARCHIVES for August: "Bill W. My First 40 Years: An autobiography by the Cofounder of Alcoholics Anonymous"

Note: "I" is Bill W. and inside brackets [] are my comments.

I had a wonderful time in England out in the country villages with people dressed like Dickens characters. Every once in a while, the cathedral experience returned. Then we marched twenty miles to Southampton and boarded a transport. Waiting till dark we crossed the channel with no lights, no lit cigarettes to alert our position.

In France, despite three years of learning French in school, I struggled to understand what was being said. In the outskirts of Cherbourg, we camped with the British. The common British soldier slept in a tent twelve feet in diameter with a dozen men squeezed inside and their feet towards the middle of the tent. While we officers had our own tent and a tent with a bath and valet.

Then we marched south, and I stayed with a French family. All the men had gone to war, a grandmother took care of a child of four or five. The French had a different attitude about drinking and I marveled no one got drunk. I gobbled up the wine. One morning I came downstairs and the four/five-year-old was pointing at a bottle of rum and Grandma gave him a stiff drink which he swallowed. Understanding more French than before I heard this was to keep away illness.

We trained and then moved to the artillery range, and we actually fired our pieces. The MIT men did their calculations for two hours. I was sent to a slit trench nine miles to observe if they hit their mark three hundred yards from us. The first of four guns fired and came close to the mark. But the fourth gun

nearly hit us and tons of dirt blown over us and we crawled out of the slit trench. My first experience with death close at hand.

When Armistice was signed, I saw my first drunk Frenchman saying how great Etats-Unis was. [That was a short war? With the horrors of trench warfare, I expected more PTSD experiences, but Bill W. was artillery.] Waiting in Bordeaux, I had a bottle of rum and sherry under my bed. The gatekeeper poured rum into my coffee till I said HALT. I was fortified for reveille and drank all day but did not get into trouble.

I returned to the states and Lois's father tried to get me a position, but I hadn't graduated college and drifted from job to job. In NY her family didn't approve of regular drinking, so I turned more to "episodes" which were worrisome.

[Hope you learning about Bill W. I do encourage you to buy and read "Bill W. My First 40 Years: An autobiography by the Cofounder of Alcoholics Anonymous".]

Jim B. Archives



### **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 6301  
Jacksonville, FL 32205

### **Intergroup Contributions:**

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

## 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:** 4th Tuesday of each month,  
6:30pm at St. James Episcopal Church,  
38 South Halifax, Ormond Beach

**District 32:** 1st Monday of month 6:30pm  
Grace Beachside Lutheran Church  
338 Oceanshore Blvd, Ormond Beach, FL  
Contact: Katmil441@aol.com

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.

## Step IX

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

## Tradition IX

*"A.A., 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"*

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## NEW MEETINGS

### Sunday Night Recovery

6:00 PM on Sundays  
555 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Holy Hill, FL 32117  
Units G&H

## MEETING NEEDS SUPPORT

### Chairman Choice

2:00 PM – Everyday  
266 Yonge St  
Ormond Beach, FL

### Miracle Group

4:00 PM – Everyday  
266 Yonge St  
Ormond Beach, FL

### 5 O'clock Somewhere

5:00 PM - Monday thru Friday  
Club YANA  
111 Howes Street  
Port Orange, FL

**VOLYPAA**

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YOUNG PEOPLE OF AA

BE OF SERVICE

## Business Meeting

Tuesday, September 19th  
9:15 PM - 10:15 PM



EASY DOES IT CLUB  
266 N Yonge St Suite B,  
Ormond Beach, FL 32174



## September Anniversaries

NAME	YR	DATE
<b><i>5:30 Group Rebos</i></b>		
John S	43	9/24/1980
Joy G	24	9/5/1999
Eric M	24	9/17/1999
Rich R	2	9/8/2021
Rob A	2	9/18/2021
<b><i>Alcoholics and God</i></b>		
George E	13	9/11/2010
Austin S	12	9/11/2011
Myra J	12	9/19/2014
Patrick M	7	9/5/2016
Marshall Z	5	9/4/2018
Bill W	2	9/15/2021
Mikey R	1	9/14/2022
Chirissy P	1	9/18/2022
Paul M	1	9/20/2022
<b><i>Aloha</i></b>		
Sydney L	37	9/3/1986
Patrick D	30	9/0/1993
Dave R	6	9/23/2017
Hope W	4	9/22/2019
Jonathan	3	9/1/2020
<b><i>Back to Basics Deland</i></b>		
Bob C	39	9/17/1984
Butch	35	9/24/1988
Michael C	8	9/30/2015
<b><i>Beachside-NSB</i></b>		
George D	28	9/25/1995
Carol G	6	9/4/2017
<b><i>Central Fact</i></b>		
Maggie L	2	9/6/2021
<b><i>Choice Is Yours</i></b>		
Cv D	47	9/15/1976
<b><i>Donut Group</i></b>		
Gordon I	32	9/2/1991
Randy S	11	9/29/2012
Sandy H	3	9/27/2020
Bill J	1	9/11/2022
<b><i>Driveway Meeting</i></b>		
Cathy S	27	9/16/1996
Pam R	11	9/24/2012

NAME	YR	DATE
<b><i>Early Ducks</i></b>		
Tela T	42	9/16/1981
Christine VR	41	9/17/1982
Tank B	39	9/18/1984
Bill H	35	9/11/1988
Debbie R	30	9/17/1993
Cathy ST.	27	9/16/1996
Pete H	26	9/7/1997
Scott C	14	9/27/2009
Jim E	11	9/3/2012
Pam R	11	9/24/2012
Kevin R	11	9/24/2012
David O	7	9/13/2016
Scott S	6	9/22/2017
Jim B	5	9/3/2018
<b><i>Four Townes</i></b>		
John B	47	9/10/1976
Terry T	45	9/8/1978
Michael C	41	9/13/1982
Richie D	40	9/2/1983
<b><i>Grateful Group</i></b>		
Richie D	40	9/2/1983
<b><i>Happy Hour Daytona</i></b>		
Alvis	14	9/3/2009
Tammy B	5	9/7/2018
Robert C	2	9/18/2021
<b><i>High Noon</i></b>		
Cv D	47	9/15/1976
<b><i>Hour of Power</i></b>		
Joe S	34	9/12/1989
Lee B	32	9/15/1991
Randy S	11	9/29/2012
Chris E	5	9/15/2018
Dave P	4	9/8/2019
Amber H	3	9/5/2020
<b><i>Lest We Forget</i></b>		
Karen F	38	9/30/1985
Kelly L	35	9/12/1988
B-Free	32	9/1/1991
Cathy S	27	9/16/1996
Bambi H	23	9/20/2000
Erin M	14	9/30/2009
Maria L	4	9/20/2019
<b><i>Lifesavers</i></b>		
David L	40	9/7/1983
Ed H	39	9/9/1984
Glenn S	25	9/28/1998

## September Anniversaries

NAME	YR	DATE
<b><i>New Dawn Group</i></b>		
Nanette	34	9/28/1989
Cindy L	16	9/12/2007
Blair	9	9/28/2003
June L	6	9/12/2017
<b><i>New Smyrna Beach Group</i></b>		
Pam P	8	9/20/2015
<b><i>Noon Group Deland</i></b>		
Stevo F	42	9/18/1981
Velma R	41	9/13/1982
Frank D	27	9/24/1996
Jeremy K	5	9/24/2018
John F	1	9/22/2022
<b><i>Open to Change</i></b>		
Sharon S	12	9/20/2011
Bob D	3	9/21/2022
Joe T	1	9/11/2022
<b><i>Ormond Beach Group</i></b>		
Jim S	30	9/9/1993
Jim F	17	9/0/2006
<b><i>Riverbridge</i></b>		
Jan T	42	9/3/1981
Jim B	30	9/24/1993
John B	13	9/13/2010
<b><i>Road to Recovery-Daytona</i></b>		
Brian R	35	9/10/1988
Daniel P	9	9/29/2014
Andrew	2	9/13/2021
<b><i>Road to Recovery - Osteen</i></b>		
John B	47	9/10/1976
George E	13	9/11/2010
<b><i>Saturday Women's AA</i></b>		
Katie M	30	9/18/1993
Flora W	7	9/27/2016
<b><i>Steps in Slow Motion</i></b>		
John B	47	9/10/1976
Cherish H	21	9/17/2002
<b><i>Sunrise Group Deland</i></b>		
Austin S	12	9/11/2011
Patrick M	7	9/5/2016
Carlisle J	3	9/1/2020
Sarah M	2	9/25/2021
<b><i>Sunrise Group - Holly Hill</i></b>		
Hugh B	7	9/13/2016
Kim V	3	9/10/2020
Joe V	3	9/10/2020
<b><i>Tomoka Group Beachside</i></b>		
Dave T	25	9/19/1998
Lisa M	1	9/17/2022

NAME	YR	DATE
<b><i>Way of Life</i></b>		
Nanette L	34	9/28/1989
Roy F	16	9/11/2007
Robert W	13	9/27/2010
Jimmy N	12	9/26/2011
Barry H	4	9/19/2019
Jeffery D	2	9/21/2021
Gary A	1	9/2/2022
David B	1	9/19/2022
Joseph G	1	9/4/2022
Jen M	1	9/13/2022
James G	1	9/21/2022
<b><i>We Are Alive</i></b>		
Doug A	10	9/22/2013
Pam R	9	9/10/2014
Debbie P	4	9/5/2019
Shane H	2	9/10/2021
<b><i>Wednesday Women's</i></b>		
Diane G	37	9/23/1986
Sue H	24	9/28/1998
<b><i>YOLO</i></b>		
Tim M	33	9/18/1990
Joan L	18	9/3/2005
Brian D	12	9/5/2011
Billy E	9	9/26/2014
Deanna	3	9/1/2020
Matt D	2	9/6/2021
James M	1	9/2/2022
Mark K	1	9/2/2022
<b><i>Young at Heart</i></b>		
Daniel B	4	9/20/2019

**2,297 Years of Sobriety  
in September 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).  
**Steering Committee Meetings:** 6:30 pm, 2nd Thursday each month, 1635 S. Ridgewood Ave.




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

### Group contributions

Anonymous Donation Back To Basics Deland District 21 Woman's Book Study Noon Group Deland Hour Of Power Open To Change Deland Big Book Yolo	Lest We Forget Steering Comm & IGR Sunday Morning Sober Weekly Reprieve Tomoka Beachside Thursday Night Men's New Dawn Wednesday Women's Life Savers
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**TOTAL JULY DONATIONS**  
**\$4,181.47**



**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 \*\***

If you are interested in service work, please contact our Office Coordinator, Candy

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

### Intergroup Representatives (IGR) attending August Meeting:



**Daytona Beach**  
 Good Day Group  
 Happy Hour  
 Three Legacies  
 Wednesday's Women's  
 Women's Driveway  
 Way of Life

**Port Orange**  
 New Dawn  
 Women's Book Study  
 Choice Is Yours

**Orange City**  
 Alcoholic and God  
 Four Townes  
 Sister's In Sobriety

**New Smyrna Beach**  
 High Noon  
 Hour of Power  
 Lifesavers

**Ormond Beach**  
 Insane Today  
 Miracle Group

**Lake Helen/Osteen**  
 Road to Recovery

**Holly Hill**  
 Lest We Forget  
 River By The Sea

**Edgewater**  
 Ladies Tuesday Night

**Deltona Group**  
 Deltona Men's Group

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

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

**Office Coordinator:** In July, Intergroup - no data.

**Website Administrator:** Hi Everyone! The statistics in the attached report this month are reflecting our move to the new Google Analytics 4 on July 11<sup>th</sup> which is showing everything up 100%. Since that date we've had 6,316 page views. Which is excellent! Steve O. came up with a great idea of adding an announcements page and I sent an email to the steering committee about separate committee pages. I want to thank Chris L. for pointing that the Birthdays/Anniversaries page was showing the phone numbers and emails of whoever submitted the birthday. We can still see them on the backend in case of any clarification issues, but they will no longer be published live on the website. Please contact me for any comments or questions. ~HP

**Archives Report:** Continued inventory of Archives. I'd like to thank those who donated items to archives, for example two service manuals (2013-14 and 2014-15) and meeting lists (special thanks to "Miracles Do Happen" beginners' group who dug into their supply bucket and found a January 2013 meeting list. So, dig into your supplies and see what you can find. Archives Jim B.

**High 'n Dry Editor's:** If interested in submitting an article, please email us at [editor@aadaytona.org](mailto:editor@aadaytona.org)

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5'0" 5'0"  
4'0" 4'0"  
3'0" 3'0"  
2'0" 2'0"  
1'0" 1'0"

**THE USUAL SUSPECTS**

**PRESENT**

**JOE C. & DEBRA V.**  
SAN DIEGO CA JACKSONVILLE FL

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 20, 2023**  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 21, 2023**  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**GraceLife Beachside Church**  
6 Sandra Dr. Ormond Beach FL 32176

**50/50 RAFFLE**  
**FREE ADMISSION**  
**REFRESHMENTS**

**\*\*NEW\*\***  
**FREE - BUFFET PIZZA PARTY**  
**LUNCH ON SATURDAY**

**Rebo's Club and meetings will have a New Address!**  
**Starting September 11th**  
**2325 Ridgewood Ave.**  
**EDGEWATER, FL 32141**

**NOON REFLECTIONS**

**LADIES TUESDAY NIGHT**



**5:30 GROUP**

**FRIDAY NIGHT MEN'S**

There will be a potluck dinner on 16 September after the 5:30 Group meeting to introduce our new place in the Pelican Plaza. **COME JOIN US FOR FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND SEE THE NEW PLACE**

SCAN ME! REGISTER NOW!

*IN THE SPIRIT OF ...*



**JOE AND CHARLIE**

... A Journey through the steps

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**



**HOSTED BY DISTRICT 21!**

WELCOME BACK PAT R AND BRIAN H!

St James Episcopal  
44 S Halifax Drive  
Ormond Beach, FL 32176

Jenny B  
(386) 334-8672

Bambi H  
(386) 295-4782

Oct. 6, 7 & 8  
Fri: 6-9p  
Sat: 9a-5p  
Sun: 2-5p

**THE BIG BOOK COMES ALIVE!**

**\$40 PREREGISTRATION**  
INCLUDES SATURDAY BOXED LUNCH - SPACE IS LIMITED \$50 AT THE DOOR!

**COFFEE, 50/50, DOOR PRIZES!**  
SNACKS AND LITERATURE FOR SALE!

**DEEP DIVE INTO THE PROGRAM OF RECOVERY**  
BRING YOUR BIG BOOKS, PENS, NOTEBOOKS & HIGHLIGHTERS

**HOW IT WORKS - SAND AND SEA**

**Picnic 2023 Given by the Groups at the EASY DOES IT CLUB!**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**  
**1:30pm - 5:30pm**  
**266 N Yonge St.**  
**Ormond Beach, FL 32174**

**Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs, Summer Salad!**

Bring a dish if you wish

For More info send email to [edepicn@yahoo.com](mailto:edepicn@yahoo.com)



**EARLY DUCKS-CHAIRS CHOICE**

**MIRACLE GROUP - CANDLELIGHT**

**INSANE TODAY - OPEN TO CHANGE**

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**Volusia County  
Intergroup**  
*Is looking for volunteers to  
work once a week from  
9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm  
Great Service Opportunity!  
Help Wanted*

**CALL OR STOP IN  
386-756-2930**

**1635 S RIDGEWOOD  
SUITE 107  
SOUTH DAYTONA**

## Volusia County Intergroup Cookout



ACTIVITIES  
FOR KIDS

Come join us for

For Food, Fellowship, and Fun!!

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

12-3 pm

At Pettis Park

800 Mary Ave

New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

SPEAKER  
AT 2PM

50/50 Raffle



**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and  
Drinks will be provided.**

**Bring a side dish to share or a  
dessert.**

*(Please bring utensil for dish)*

**\$5.00 a ticket!**

**Tickets will be sold at the  
Intergroup or by Group IGR**

## The Last Drunk

It was a typical day. I woke up from the night before-grabbed a smoke, found a drink that was laying around and downed it. I threw on some clothes and some cologne to hide what I know I smelled like and went to work. As lunch time approached, I went to the bar, had three mixed drinks and took two for on the way back. I couldn't wait for 2:30pm for the end of the shift. Finally, I drove straight to my local bar, and I ordered two cans of beer at a time until I got right with life again. I blacked out sometime later around 8:30pm. I think I was coming out of the blackout when I took out a fancy light pole in the middle of the city and was arrested again. I was taken to the drunk tank again. I was humiliated again. My life was totally out of control, and I didn't see it. Our book talks about incomprehensible demoralization. That's what I had finally reached. I thought to myself jail is where I belong! At least I couldn't hurt anyone else by

my continued behavior. I believe that night I truly surrendered to something I had no clue about. I knew something had to change and over time and by the grace of God and AA what changed was me. That, by the way, was my last drunk in 1984. After getting sober my sponsor told me never forget that last drunk, because if you do you will drink again. I've heard that often throughout the years and I believe it to be true.

Anonymous

