

HIGH 'N DRY

Volusia County Intergroup Services



Districts 8, 19, 20, 21 and 32

October 2023

Coastal Centre

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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."

"It'll be wicked pissah"

AA COMMITMENT MEETINGS in Volusia County?

Greetings ... I am Scott M. and I am proposing to start "AA Commitment Meetings" in Volusia County, if there is any interest.

What is an AA Commitment Meeting? An AA Commitment meeting is where one AA Homegroup (Group A) and several of its members (2-6) from that group, meet and travel together by carpool to another participating AA homegroup (Group B) at one of their regularly scheduled meetings.

The Group B Meeting Chair starts their meeting as they normally do (prayers, readings, announcements, chips etc) then Welcomes in Group A, and turns the meeting over to Group A, to have an "AA Commitment Meeting". Group A will have a Chair, who then explains their Homegroup meeting and schedule, then introduces the other 2-4 members who are there, who then share their ES&H (usually 5-8 minutes each). Then they turn the meeting back to the Group B Chair, who closes the meeting as they normally do (announcements, chips, prayer, etc).

This type of AA meeting has been going on for decades in the New England and northeast areas. They are sometimes known as "Exchange Meetings".

The proposed goal here in Volusia County is to help AA Members get to know other members from other homegroups. Ironically it turns out that the experience told to me and from what I have experienced myself, is that Homegroup members

when travelling together to and from these meetings, get to know each other better (true fellowshiping), and usually meet before or after the meeting at a local coffee shop or restaurant.

How does it work? Each group has a "Bookie". The participating bookies meet together, either physically, by phone conference or by zoom to coordinate the Commitment schedule for each group for the upcoming months.

I am proposing for Volusia County, that any group interested in trying this new format would designate only one of their Homegroup meetings a month, for this type of meeting. That would be their "Incoming Commitment" Meeting. That group would also be committing to one "Outgoing Commitment" meeting a month, based on the AA Bookie approved schedule. Obviously, this would require Group Conscience decisions for all groups involved.

At this time, I am just looking to see if your Homegroup might be interested in participating. I would be more than happy to meet and present this in person at your District or any Homegroup Meeting.

Please contact the Volusia County Intergroup (VCI) at 386-756-2931 if you have any questions. VCI – 1635 South Ridgewood, Unit 107, South Daytona, FL 32119.

Thanks, Scott M. MAL D20

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Archives Blast From the Past

As archivist, I did an inventory of High' n Dry. I found many interesting articles. I'd like to share this one from page one from August 2001. I hope you enjoy both "stories".

IF YOU WANT TO STAY SOBER...

Suppose you asked twenty-five AA members to fill in the blank in this statement: "If you want what we have and if you want to stay sober, then the most important things that you can do are ____." You would probably get twenty-five different answers... the methods that we use to stay sober are as individual as each AA member.

I think there is a universal agreement that we must stay sober and learn to trust in a higher power one day at a time; but how we go about doing that is where the difference lies. Work the Twelve Steps; get honest; go to meetings' get a sponsor; get involved; "Live and Let Live"; "Easy Does it" but do it; talk to someone; carry the message; read the Big Book and other AA literature – those are but a very few of the answers to fill in the blank. I believe that we should refrain from pointing out a single most important thing, except: Read the Big Book and follow its suggested program of recovery. Grapevine July 1980, p. 37

TEN alcoholics all in a line – one got to thinking...
Then there were NINE.

NINE alcoholics one said, "wait – a near beer can't hurt"...
Then there were EIGHT.

EIGHT alcoholics, looking up to heaven – one cut out meetings...
Then there were SEVEN.

SEVEN alcoholics, doing service for kicks – one started grumbling...
Then there were SIX.

SIX alcoholics, glad to be alive – but one smoked pot...
Then there were FIVE.

FIVE alcoholics, greeters at the door – one played big shot...
Then there were FOUR.

FOUR alcoholics, happy, joyous, free – but one's case was 'different'...
Then there were THREE.

THREE alcoholics, knowing what to do – one started lying...
Then there were TWO.

TWO alcoholics, having some fun – one rewrote the Big Book...
Then there was ONE.

ONE alcoholic, talking to HP- if only one is sober...
I'm glad that it's ME!

GSO Contributions:

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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 X

"Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it."

Tradition X

"Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy."

Concept X

"Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined."

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MEETING NEEDS SUPPORT

Good Day Group

7:30 AM – Monday
569 Foote Court
Daytona 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

HELP WANTED!!!!



Volusia County Intergroup

Volunteers needed once a week

9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm

Great Service Opportunity!

CALL OR STOP IN

386-756-2930

1635 S RIDGEWOOD

SUITE 107

SOUTH DAYTONA

October Anniversaries

NAME	YR	DATE
<i>5:30 Group Rebos</i>		
Dave A	32	10/4/1991
John B	14	10/15/2009
Charlie T	11	10/11/2012
Joyce C	3	10/8/2020
Kimble D	1	10/5/2022
Mandy F	1	10/7/2022
<i>Alcoholics and God</i>		
LouAnn J	16	10/7/2007
Woody W	10	10/29/2013
Jeremy C	1	10/19/2022
<i>Aloha</i>		
Don P	12	10/2/2011
Brad B	5	10/18/2018
Ginger C	5	10/21/2018
Russell W	1	10/31/2022
<i>Beachside-NSB</i>		
Elvira B	33	10/24/1990
Joan M	36	10/1/1987
Joe K	16	10/1/2007
Marion P	9	10/15/2014
Bob F	8	10/29/2015
<i>Central Fact</i>		
Martha H	1	10/12/2022
<i>Choice Is Yours</i>		
Linda H	32	10/20/1991
Larry C	31	10/25/1992
Megan G	30	10/22/1993
Mick S	1	10/15/2022
<i>Donut Group</i>		
Hal W	37	10/24/1986
Patrick O	1	10/15/2022
<i>Driveway Meeting</i>		
Stephanie S	4	10/4/2019
<i>Early Ducks</i>		
David B	13	10/23/2010
Scott N	4	10/16/2019
<i>Four Townes</i>		
Ralph L	48	10/15/1975
Lillian D	38	10/1/1985
Chris C	1	10/1/2022
<i>Friday Noon Men's</i>		
Dave C	47	9/3/1976
Terry T	45	9/8/1978
Dallas P	33	10/13/1990
Jim S	30	9/3/1993
<i>Grateful Group</i>		
Tammy	15	10/26/2008

NAME	YR	DATE
<i>Happy Hour Daytona</i>		
Fred H	40	10/20/1983
John B	14	10/20/2009
Ginger C	5	10/21/2018
James M	2	10/3/2021
Jay O	2	10/27/2021
Lex	2	10/31/2021
Josh D	1	10/3/2022
<i>Hour of Power</i>		
Lisa B	41	10/18/1982
Chip D	40	10/10/1983
Christine M	32	10/28/1991
Paul G	31	10/4/1992
Lorrie R	17	10/13/2006
Diane P	16	10/29/2007
JD Devin	15	10/1/2008
Tim D	2	10/1/2021
Allen H	1	10/31/2022
<i>Ladies Tuesday Night</i>		
Desiree M	2	10/26/2021
<i>Lest We Forget</i>		
Stevie S	41	10/18/1982
Ken H	37	10/17/1986
Trish S	32	10/1/1999
Greg S	30	10/13/1993
Jo C	16	10/16/2007
Laura D	7	10/25/2016
Angela A	1	10/12/2022
<i>Lifesavers</i>		
Mike R	48	10/30/1975
Donny C	31	10/9/1992
Kathy M	15	10/12/2008
J.D.	15	10/7/2008
Ethan C	10	10/9/2013
Mark H	3	10/7/2020
<i>Never Had It So Good</i>		
Paul W	1	10/19/2022
<i>New Dawn Group</i>		
Paul G	14	10/00/2009
Jack	16	10/2/2007
<i>New Smyrna Beach Group</i>		
Joan M	36	10/1/1987

October Anniversaries

NAME	YR	DATE
Noon Group Deland		
Marie C	38	10/28/1985
Russell W	13	10/10/2010
Jim G	6	10/12/2017
Richy W	4	10/14/2019
Steve M	2	10/13/2021
Monte D	1	10/1/2022
Connie W	1	10/26/2022
Open to Change		
Fred H	40	10/20/1983
Pass It On		
Paul G	10	10/18/2003
Bill R	1	10/30/2022
Shelley	1	10/31/2022
Precisely How		
Pam B	30	10/23/1993
Jason P	3	10/11/2020
Ormond Beach Group		
John S	6	10/20/2017
Riverbridge		
John S	6	10/20/2017
Jeannine P	3	10/10/2020
Road to Recovery-Daytona		
Rick L	1	10/24/2022
Road to Recovery - Osteen		
Bob V	33	10/19/1990
Bruce L	29	10/4/1994
Sand and Sea		
Fred H	40	10/20/1983
Matteo R	9	10/4/2014
Chris D	2	10/15/2021
David V	3	10/31/2020
Danielle V	3	10/31/2020
Randy S	1	10/1/2022
Stephanie H	1	10/18/2022
Steps for Life		
Lee	17	10/6/2006
Sunrise Group Deland		
Andy H	16	10/1/2007
Sandy M	14	10/17/2009
Laura D	3	10/24/2020
Kim	2	10/10/2021
Bob H	2	10/00/2021
Alan H	2	10/31/2022
John H	1	10/13/2023
Sunrise Group - Holly Hill		
Christ T	4	10/1/2019

NAME	YR	DATE
Tomoka Group Beachside		
Lee C	26	10/31/1997
Jamie K	2	10/4/2021
Way of Life		
Don Tat2	52	10/31/1971
Rebecca A	4	10/25/2019
Joe A	3	10/4/2020
Thomas G	3	10/2/2020
David L	2	10/28/2021
Chris	2	10/22/2021
We Are Alive		
Chip D	40	10/10/1983
Lloyd	20	10/23/2003
Dennis T	15	10/21/2008
Justin P	2	10/27/2021
Wednesday Women's		
Terry T	37	10/27/1986
Megan G	30	10/22/1993
Sharron R	25	10/29/1998
Debbie A	18	10/1/2005
Shirley F	10	10/20/2013
Women's Book Study		
Sherry Z	28	10/1/1995
YOLO		
Kelly M	7	10/8/2016
Lindi F	2	10/18/2021
Roberta M	1	10/19/2022
Young at Heart		
Larry C	31	10/25/1992
Mike T	13	10/1/2010
Kristofer S	5	10/15/2018
Eric P	1	10/2/2022
Karen	1	10/12/2022
Paul	1	10/19/2022

**1,727 Years of Sobriety in
October 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.

THANK YOU!

Special thanks to the following for the contributions:

Group contributions

Lest We Forget	Four Towns
Steering Comm & IGR	River Bridge Group
Sunday Morning Sober	Basic Text
Pass It On	Womens New Beginnings
Big Book Study	Friday Noon Mens
Early Ducks	Discussion
Young At Heart	NSB Beachside
Miracles Do Happen	Anniversary Donations

TOTAL AUGUST DONATIONS
\$2,790.50

Intergroup Representatives (IGR) attending September Meeting:



Daytona Beach

Central Fact
 Free To Be
 Good Day Group
 Happy Hour
 Precisely How
 The Driveway
 Three Legacies
 Tomoka Group Beachside
 Wednesday's Women's
 Women's Driveway
 Way of Life
 YOLO

Port Orange

New Dawn
 Women's Book Study
 Choice Is Yours
 Steps For Life

Orange City

Alcoholic and God
 Four Townes
 Sister's In Sobriety
 Grateful Group

New Smyrna Beach

High Noon
 Hour of Power
 Lifesavers

Deland

Back To Basics
 Deland Big Book Study

Ormond Beach

Insane Today
 Miracle Group
 How It Works
 Message In A Bottle
 Open To Change
 Ormond Beach Group
 Riverbridge Group

Lake Helen/Osteen

Road to Recovery

Holly Hill

Lest We Forget
 Sunrise Group

Edgewater

Ladies Tuesday Night

Deltona Group

Deltona Men's Group



Volusia County Intergroup Office

Open:
 Monday – Friday
 9 am – 5 pm
 Saturday 9 am – 1 pm
 Anniversary Coins, Books, Book
 Covers, Cards, Jewelry.

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Phone: (386) 756-2930

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

Committees, Coordinators, and Volusia County Intergroup updates

Office Coordinator: **COMING SOON CARPET INSTALL – DATE TBD, INTERGROUP MAY BE CLOSED (TBD)**

Website Administrator: Hi Everyone! We are up in every category this month except session duration. We had 7,705 pageviews which is a new high for this site. The majority of website visitors, as usual, are looking at meeting and clubhouse searches. The New vs Returning visitors is off because of the new Google Analytics 4 treating this website as a new site when we migrated to it on July 1st. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. Thank you. ~HP

Archives Report: Grateful to anonymous donor of several books and pamphlets. Most notably our earliest edition of Twelve and Twelve 11th printing 1972. Continued inventory of archives. Archives Jim B.

High 'n Dry Editor's: If interested in submitting an article, please email us at editor@adaytona.org

Upcoming Events & Announcements

6'0" 5'0" 4'0" 3'0" 2'0" 1'0"

THE USUAL SUSPECTS

PRESENT

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

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

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

5TH ANNUAL YOLO PICNIC

We're Having a COOKOUT!



Saturday October 28th, 2023
Spruce Creek Park 6250 S Ridgewood Ave.
Port Orange, FL 32127
\$5.00 suggested Donation
Time 12-5pm

Serving hamburgers and hot dogs

Bring a covered dish (with food in it)

Bring a chair




DISTRICT 8 PICNIC

November 5
11:00AM - 4:00PM
Bethune Point Park
11 Bellevue Ave. • Daytona Beach

TICKETS \$10
FOOD SERVED @ 12:00
GUEST SPEAKER @ 1:00

•FOOD
•50/50 RAFFLE

Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be served.
Please bring a side or dessert dish.
Volunteers are needed at 10:30 and after the event for set-up and clean-up.



Volusia County Intergroup Cookout



AA

Come join us for
For Food, Fellowship, and Fun!

October 14th, 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






New Dawn Group

WE ARE MOVING

Is moving to:
316 Fleming Ave
House #3
Port Orange, FL
(at Epiphany Church)

The Group is hoping to complete the move by November 1, 2023
Meeting dates and times will remain the same
Monday-Saturday 7:30 AM





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Return to Tailhook

I was at my noon meeting a few weeks back and my friend Mark mentioned his pilot friend John from Pittsburgh has a life-long dream to go out on an aircraft carrier to observe flight operations. John is an avid aviator and was recently awarded the Wright Brothers' Master Pilot Award to recognize his 50 years flying with no accidents or violations. Mark knew I was a retired naval flight officer and thought I might still have connections to get John out on an aircraft carrier, but I retired from the Navy in 1994 and didn't know anyone still flying off the carriers. But I did remember that naval aviators get together every year for an annual Tailhook convention. I attended my first Tailhook Convention as a young Naval Flight Officer while going through flight training in San Diego. Several other student aviators and I all liked to drink and we went to Las Vegas. We attended the convention, but did not pay registration fees or rent a hotel room. We were heavily intoxicated the whole weekend and slept on the floor in the hotel party rooms on tablecloth-covered cardboard and trash. Our meals were unplanned and infrequent hors d'oeuvres, fresh or leftover, silverware optional. And discarded room service trays outside hotel rooms provided an excellent source of protein. The free alcohol flowed 24 hours a day and it was a very permissive attitude. It was so much fun. And there were no cell phones, cameras, audio recordings or any sources of evidence - the good old days.

Later in my career and after rehab, I returned to Tailhook in 1990. I attended many professional activities, slept in a hotel room, and made good professional contacts. I did not join in the gauntlet to fondle willing giggling participants as they walked from the hotel elevators to the party rooms and I did

not participate in the leg shaving booth. Decadent behavior at the 1991 Tailhook Convention led to a huge scandal that resulted in many naval aviators losing their careers and reputations. Tailhook never returned to Las Vegas after the scandal, but resumed after a few years and is now a more socially acceptable event in Reno, Nevada.

John and I spoke on the phone and we devised an evil plan to make his dream come true. We knew the people who could make this dream happen would be at the Tailhook Convention in Reno in August 2023, so we registered for the event, rented hotel rooms, attended every event we could, and interacted with everyone who would talk with us. We also managed to attend the sold out tour of NAS Fallon and Top Gun, including an hour briefing from an amazing former Top Gun Commanding Officer.

John was relentless in chasing his lifelong dream and talked with all 3,900 participants at the convention. John found himself at the right place at the right time when he chatted up the senior four star admiral at the event. John and the admiral discovered they had a common Pittsburgh history and the admiral invited John to a VIP aircraft carrier one day cruise and airshow on September 23, 2023. John was delighted to learn that not only was he invited, he could bring 9 more people with him. John invited nine guys from his home group, and all passed background checks. The people on the VIP trip will observe flight operations and airshow from the flight deck and may be surprised and even possibly get knocked over by the jet wash of a low flying jet screaming past on low flyby. I love service work!

Update, the plans changed due to a tropical storm and rain delay. Now all 10 guys are going to fly out to the carrier on a COD and get an aircraft carrier arrested landing.

Bill from Wilbur

