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Districts 8, 19, 20, 21 and 32

April 2024

Volusia County Intergroup Services

Coastal Centre

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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.

Traditions Checklist from The AA Grapevine

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion. Practice These Principles….

Tradition Three: The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as those who likely will not make it?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately or publicly do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or not?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, sexual identity or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I overimpressed by a celebrity, a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what they do for a living? Where they live? What their domestic arrangements are? Whether they have been to AA before? What their other problems are?

Tradition Four: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

1. Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA?
2. Does my group consider the welfare of nearby groups in its actions and decisions? Of AA "as a whole"?
3. Do I judge or criticize other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths—their lengths, not mine—to stay sober?
6. Do I ever criticize certain groups because I think they don't do things how I believe AA should be done?

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Beginnings of A.A. in Daytona

In brackets [] are additions from this archivist and George's obituary. Both articles below are direct quotes.

By Dave W. (archivist): December 1996

According to a 1941 article written by Thomas A. Sharpe of the Central Group of Jacksonville, he was "sent on an inquiry" from George Schmidt of Daytona Beach. Thomas came to meet George, but George had arranged to go fishing. Thomas made arrangements with George's wife, Kathleen, that the next time George got drunk, she would send him to Jacksonville by train. In a few weeks she called to say she had put George on the train. Thomas met George and put him in a sanitarium at Park and McDuff in Jacksonville. He sobered up there. The local members visited him and he went to several meetings [Jacksonville]. George then returned to Daytona Beach and started a successful group in 1941.

By Dave W. (archivist): April 2000

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!! In April of 1942, the first listing for an AA group in the Daytona area was listed in the Worldwide Directory. The group consisted of a total of TWO (2) members.

Dave W. [not the archivist] carried the message to our area from Seattle, Washington. He met with George S., who had moved to Daytona from Georgia. The address for the group was P.O. Box 1382. Dave W. lived at 350 Manhattan Street and George lived on Temko Terrace. George had been corresponding with our office in New York and expressed with them his honest desire to stop drinking.

Dave died after a few months of being the first secretary and helping new members. George went on to an outstanding career at the *Daytona Beach News Journal* and stayed sober until his death [Died of Cancer at age of 71 on January 1, 1965.]. The *Journal* had a complimentary article about George's life [January 19,1965; Excerpts from the obituary quotes: "there had been a hiatus of despair. The craving of alcohol had overcome George Schmidt, threatening career and family honor. This Daemon he was to grapple with and master – though not easily. In 1942, in Jacksonville for a cure, Schmidt had attended a meeting of a small group called Alcoholics Anonymous. Sometimes he used to call this event a miracle. He absorbed the AA philosophy and procedure: that alcoholism is a disease and must be dealt with as such… He had returned to form in 1942 the first AA group in Daytona Beach and its work became his chief and most absorbing avocation. His helping hand reached out to hundreds. His was a direct personal approach; often he would go in the night to raise a victim from the gutter. "I know how he feels," He would say.]. A copy of this article is [hung on the wall of the archives room] at our local intergroup Office.

So Happy Anniversary to us all on 58 wonderful years!!! [This was in April 2000; now April 2024 it is 82 "wonderful years"!!!]

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

Meeting Info

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OLD TIMERS DINNER
MAY 4TH, 2024

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 IV

"Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves."

Tradition IV

"Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole."

Concept IV

At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

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MEETING INFO

Ladies Tuesday Night Meeting
Starting April 9th
7:30 PM – Tuesday
"DROP THE ROCK"
Rebos Club
2325 S. Ridgewood Ave
Edgewater, FL

MEETINGS NEED SUPPORT

Men & Women County Jail Mtgs
NEED SUPPORT
Contact Intergroup 386-756-2930
more information

Sunday Serenity
7:00 PM - Sunday
United Church of Christ
203 Washington St
New Smyrna Beach, FL

Step Up
7:00 PM – Tuesdays
Step Study
217 E. Plymouth Ave, Deland FL

First Things First
6:00 AM – Monday to Friday
Easy Does It Club
266 N. Younge St, Ormond Beach

Noon Reflections
12:00 Noon - Everyday
Rebos Club
2325 S. Ridgewood Ave
Edgewater, FL

April Anniversaries

NAME	YR	DATE
5:30 Group Rebos		
Chris A	37	4/5/1987
Paul J	23	4/4/2001
Mike M	14	4/27/2010
Vincent L	1	4/17/2023
Alcoholics and God		
Vicki E	31	4/26/1993
Lucas D	5	4/11/2019
Scott J	3	4/13/2021
Will H	2	4/24/2022
Caryl G	2	4/29/2022
Eddi O	1	4/2/2023
Any Lengths		
Happy Belated Anniversary		
John S	53	3/9/1971
Jim N	38	3/13/1986
Stephen S	5	3/23/2019
Beachside-NSB		
Brian B	24	4/22/1992
Back To Basics		
Stevie R.	35	4/23/1989
Richard D	24	4/15/2003
Donut Group		
Roger V	34	4/30/1990
George C	30	4/26/1994
Booker B	2	4/10/2022
Josh R	2	4/25/2022
Happy Belated Anniversary		
Mike C	17	3/7/2007
Drive-Way Meeting		
Deborah	2	4/2/2022
Doris M	2	4/16/2022
Early Ducks		
Bonnie Z	14	4/23/2010
Gina L	2	4/9/2022
Four Townes		
Jack S	37	4/29/1987
James P	30	4/10/1994
Tommy M	18	4/18/2006
Stevie	2	4/19/2022
Palma P	2	4/21/2022
Friday Noon Men's		
Dixon G	41	4/19/1983
James P	30	4/10/1994
Wayne B	26	4/28/1998
Joe G	22	4/1/2002
Grateful Group		
Sonya C	4	4/15/2020
Had Enough		
Mariah H	27	4/15/1997

NAME	YR	DATE
Happy Hour Daytona		
John P	22	4/1/2002
Leo M	16	4/19/2008
Roberta P	11	4/10/2013
Jackson C	1	4/1/2023
Jennifer S	1	4/28/2023
High Noon		
Tracy	33	4/19/1991
Charlie M	11	4/1/2013
Chris R	1	4/18/2023
Hour of Power		
Tom D	49	4/22/1975
Bob Z	44	4/6/1980
Jim G	26	4/15/1998
Sully O	25	4/22/1999
Lest We Forget		
Dave B	42	4/10/1982
Larry A	40	4/26/1984
Kathy B	4	4/27/2020
Lifesavers		
Tom D	49	4/22/1975
Dustin M	18	4/12/2006
Never Had It So Good		
Ed D	37	4/12/1987
New Dawn Group		
Dick C	63	4/8/1961
Esta P	39	4/7/1985
Toby P	12	4/28/2012
New Hope		
Erik K	15	4/28/2009
New Smyrna Beach Group		
Jamie K	2	4/4/2022
Michael R	1	4/17/2023

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Noon Group Deland		
Tyrone T	34	4/10/1990
Mike A	7	4/15/2017
John C	7	4/15/2017
Carl H	1	4/13/2023
Jason T	1	4/4/2023
Noon Reflections		
Pam	35	4/23/1989
Rose	18	4/20/2006
Ormond Beach Group		
Wayne B	26	4/22/1998
Pass It On		
Mel	47	4/1/1977
Connie C	23	4/15/2001
Denise	2	4/24/2022
Riverbridge		
Paul M	7	4/29/2017
Road to Recovery DB		
Blake A	2	4/28/2022
Brittany W	1	4/18/2023
Sand and Sea		
Deb MC	30	4/4/1994
Gary J	16	4/17/2008
Eli	14	4/28/2012
Robert B	2	4/1/2022
Landon T	2	4/9/2022
Edward W	1	4/16/2023
Saturday Women's AA		
Debbie B	39	4/23/1985
Belinda D	37	4/6/1987
Sue L	37	4/30/1987
Sobriety First		
Vicki E	31	4/26/1993
Steps in Slow Motion		
Tom C	41	4/24/1983
Christina H	2	4/16/2022
Sunrise Group Holly Hills		
Bruce O	33	4/1/1991
Brian S	19	4/20/2005
Sabarina B	1	4/4/2023
Sunrise Group Deland		
Doc	35	4/1/1989
Dave F	23	4/6/2001
Dan L	22	4/8/2002
Darlene N	17	4/24/2007
Joe G	14	4/30/2010
Marty H	14	4/16/2010
Bonnie Z	14	4/23/2010
Jason G	5	4/14/2019
Michael H	4	4/4/2020

NAME	YR	DATE
Tomoka Group Beachside		
Debi C	30	4/4/1994
Melanie S	23	4/19/2001
Joe P	1	4/25/2023
Way of Life		
Brian S	19	4/20/2005
Jonna	9	4/26/2015
Sean R	2	4/3/2022
Charlie S	2	4/15/2022
Sabrina B	1	4/4/2023
David B	1	4/9/2023
Rhai	1	4/24/2023
Dillon C	1	4/11/2023
We Are Alive		
John H	35	4/15/1989
Mike M	14	4/27/2010
Kim A	5	4/25/2019
Mandy M	3	4/22/2021
Fay T	2	4/25/2022
Wednesday Women's		
Rosemary M	34	4/12/1990
Phyllis E	32	4/12/1992
Women's Book Study		
Eileen M	20	4/14/2004
Donna S	9	4/14/2015
YOLO		
Dustin B	36	4/18/1988
Elizabeth	3	4/25/2021
Paul R	2	4/5/2022
Michelle	2	4/8/2022
Young at Heart		
Bob R	33	4/14/1991

2,004 Years of Sobriety in April 2024

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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.

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Special thanks to the following contributions:

Group Contributions

Four Townes Group
Steering Committee
IGR Meeting
Back To Basics
Sobriety First Group
Acceptance Is the Answer
Yolo
Sand & Sea Group
Sunday Morning Sober Group
Wednesday's Women Group
Saturday Women's Group

and the
Estate of Barry O. – $3,000

TOTAL FEBRUARY DONATIONS
$4,547.35

Volusia County H & I - February 2024

Starting Balance:	$972.16
February Donations:	$377.68
Literature Expenses:	$629.00
Ending Balance:	$720.84

Intergroup Representatives (IGR) attending February Meeting:

New Smyrna Beach
Lifesavers
High Noon
Hour of Power

Ormond Beach
Line by Line
Insane Today
Message In A Bottle
How It Works

Holly Hill
Lest We Forget
Sunrise Group

Orange City
Alcoholics and God

Daytona Beach
Good Day Group
Road To Recovery
The Driveway
Tomoka Group Beachside
YOLO

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, Debbie

Email: admin@aadaytona.org
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: 49 calls and 125 visits.

Website Administrator: VCI Website Report March 2024: – Hello everyone we were down sessions last month but still had 6,031 page views. You can see the top page views below. I want to welcome back Joe K – who was our previous VCI website manager 5 years ago and will be our website assistant going forward. Please let me know if you have any questions. ~Hugh P.

Archives Report: I attended the 6th Florida Archives workshop and brought the old and newly revised Richmond Walker poster. The display was well received. The 67th Florida state convention invited our archives to bring a display in August 2024.

High 'n Dry Editors: If interested in submitting an article, please email us at *editor@aadaytona.org*

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Old Timers Dinner for Volusia County Intergroup

Saturday May 4th
5pm-9pm

"MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU" FOR
FOOD FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!
50/50 RAFFLE -SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN

925 George W Engram Blvd
Daytona Beach

Contact Intergroup or your IGR for $15 Tickets

Please bring a sliced dessert to share!

Central Fact
1st Annual

Saturday 4/20/24

Doors Open 5:45pm
Babe James Community Center
201 N Myrtle Ave NSB
Speaker Joe M @ 6:00pm
Dancing starts at 7:30pm
Please bring a side dish or dessert and your Dancing Shoes!
$5.00 Suggested Donation

SCAN ME

Please RSVP

Picnic in the Park

SATURDAY MAY 18TH
12p-3p Sunrise Park Holly Hill
LPGA & Riverside

FOOD - FUN - FELLOWSHIP
50/50 RAFFLE
SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN
BRING A COVERED DISH OR DESSERT!

FREE Event
$ Donations Accepted

Join us for our annual Sunrise Group Picnic on the river at the Sunrise Park Pavilion

Volunteers Needed!

District 20 Spring Picnic

Saturday, April 13th
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Pettis Park- 800 Mary Ave., NSB

GRILL

Sponsored by District 20
$5.00 per person
Tickets available soon
Speaker ~ 50-50 ~ Door Prizes
Kids and Family Members Welcome!

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, and Drinks Provided
Bring a Side Dish or Dessert to Share

Playground, Tennis Courts, Basketball Courts, Skate Park, Bicycle friendly, Restrooms
Join us for Fun, Fellowship and Great Food!

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Upcoming Events & Announcements - continued

WELCOME TO THE ANNUAL AA PICNIC
AT
GEMINI SPRINGS
"OK CORRAL" PAVILLION
57 DIRKSON DRIVE
DEBARY, FLORIDA 32713

TIME: 12-30 PM

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

PRICE: $15.00 DONATION

12:30 PM: MEET. EAT & GREET

2 PM: SPEAKER/DISCUSSION
3 PM COUNTDOWN
4 pm: FELLOWSHIP, 50/50

BURGERS, HOT DOGS AND DRINKS WILL BE SERVED
PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH 2 SHARE

QUESTIONS? LEE: 386-668-6530
DEBBIE: 1-954-708-9549
XIARA (SIERRA): 1- 862-273-1724

CAMPOUT - DOE LAKE, Umatilla, FL APRIL 5-7, 2024

Friday & Saturday Dinner

Meetings

Speakers

Fun

Fishing

Kayaking

Saturday Breakfast

Price includes camping for the weekend or day, Friday and Satu dinner, continental breakfast Saturday, welcome packet, and o activities!

Please fill out, detach, and send in with payment.
Please make checks payable to **"Unity Under the Stars Campout"**

Name_____ Phone No._____ email: _____

Overnight Registration fee: $40.00 per adult- $10 kids over 10 - children under 10 free
How many overnight: Adults_____ Children (over 10) _____ Children (under 10) _____
Total $_____

Saturday Day pass fee: $15.00 per adult- children free (Include children in registration)
How many day: Adults_____ Children_____ Total $_____

T-shirts $15 must be ordered by 3/1/23. There will not be any for sale at event.
How many: Small____ Med_____ LG_____ XLG_____ [illegible] ____

Additional Scholarship Donation $ _____ Total $_____

Register on line at https://forms.gle/TZbc1eJrvN3ftvVo9, or scan the QR code above.
Reservation will not be held until payment is received.
Payments can be sent to: Unity Under the Stars, 1689 Barrow St., Deltona, FL 32725
Contact the UUTS committee at d19unityunderthestars@gmail.com.

H&I Packets

If you recently submitted an H&I packet, please contact the Volusia County Intergroup at 386-756-2930. Information is needed.

Interested in Skydiving?

A local AA member, Jim F. is looking to get a group together to go Skydiving, please call the Intergroup office for Jim F's contact information.