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Districts 8, 19, 20, 21 and 32

May 2024

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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 Five: Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

1. Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me"?
2. Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the limitations of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?
3. Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?
4. Am I willing to twelfth step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?
5. Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose? 6. Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?

Tradition Six: An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?

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A Story about Annie Smith by Sue Smith Windows:

I got this from a handout "The House Call: the official newsletter of Dr. Bob's Home" at the "Old Time AA" event to benefit Dr. Bob's House. This is verbatim but parts omitted to fit space provided, "...". Note: "I" is Sue Smith Windows.

One of the earliest memories of AA is... men listening to this wonderful woman reading the Bible and of them being quiet – listening for any guidance they might receive. Many of them – maybe all – thought at that time that it was a hopeless drunken life for them until they met my mother and father. No family, minister or doctor had done for them what my mother and father had done and were doing for them – sharing their experiences and their love and their home.

I also recall Archie T. staying with us... the story in the first big book, "The Fearful One." He would never have made it, I don't believe, if my mother had not solaced, coached, encouraged, and allayed his fears- but it took a year before he was spiritually and physically able to go back on his own and return to Detroit, where he started Detroit groups and where he did find a job.

... I want to give my mother a lot of credit here today for her role of sympathetic advisor, stabilizer and giving the women the desire to help their mates overcome their affliction. It seems to have worked for almost all of the early drunks as we affectionately called them and still do. She would also hold Dad and Bill back when they went off on some wacky idea they'd get (and they did get some, same as is done today by some).

I'd like to quote... Fred B.... "She knew by instinct the tremendous courage it took for a doubting newcomer to attend an AA Meeting for the first time. She was always prepared to greet a stranger properly and express a welcome. She was not personally ambitious; she never held office of any kind, big or little; she headed no committees, addressed no clicks. Yet somehow this woman with the big heart knew in her soul there was something that for 1900 years the world had needed. Here now was the answer."

Henrietta Dotson wrote, "In the early part of 1936, Anne organized a "Women's Group" for wives of alcoholics whereby in her loving way, she tried to teach us patience, love, and unselfishness. She wanted no credit for herself, it was God."

These quotations from others proved that she was a great "morale builder". I just wanted all of you out there to know my brother Bob and my mother as others saw her. Bill W. called her the "Mother of AA."

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New York, NY 10116-2407

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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 V

"Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs."

Tradition V

"Each group has but one primary purpose — to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

Concept V

"Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration."

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MEETING INFO

Sunrise Group Holly Hill
9:00 AM - Sunday
Sunrise Park (South) Boat Ramp Pavilion
1125 Riverside Dr
Holly Hill, FL

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

May Anniversaries

NAME	YR	DATE
2'sday Nite Sobriety		
Dotty K	36	5/10/1988
5:30 Group Rebos		
Gary (Surf)	44	5/15/1980
Eric M-NY	22	5/24/2002
Ashley S	13	5/7/2011
Kristen N	12	5/20/2012
Mary S	11	5/5/2013
Chris S	11	5/18/2013
Jeff R	10	5/16/2014
Alcoholics and God		
Mike J	7	5/1/2017
Michelle M	6	5/15/2018
Sam D	4	5/11/2020
Sergio C	2	5/2/2022
Any Lengths		
Owen R	36	5/24/1988
Beachside-NSB		
Syd S	37	5/15/1987
TJ K	1	5/1/2023
Back To Basics		
Vicky G	41	5/0/1983
Acher	38	5/15/1987
Deborah T	36	5/15/1988
Central Fact		
Joe M	10	5/31/2014
Ashley F	9	5/16/2015
Karen S	5	5/19/2019
Choice Is Yours		
Michelle	22	5/25/2022
Helen D	21	5/16/2003
Erin	11	5/21/2013
Gary V	6	5/6/2018
Sue T	3	5/17/2021
Shane	3	5/15/2021
Ken M	3	5/6/2021
Steve	3	5/28/2021
Happy Belated Anniversary		
Kenny C	48	4/20/1975
John S	37	4/25/1987
Mike R	1	4/17/2023
Deltona Men's Group		
Rob B	41	5/10/1983
John F	36	5/13/1988
Dave C	33	5/4/1991
Jose C	19	5/14/2005
Hunter H	11	5/28/2013
Gus B	5	5/28/2019
Frank O'D	1	5/9/2023

NAME	YR	DATE
Donut Group		
Sal N	30	5/29/1994
Joe L	5	5/16/2019
Erin R	4	5/5/2020
Rick L	3	5/12/2021
Antoine G	3	5/31/2021
Early Ducks		
Chris W	44	5/1/1980
Mark W	42	5/27/1982
Cindy D	32	5/4/1992
Sandra M	31	5/29/1993
Mike F	2	5/8/2022
Josh C	1	5/30/2023
Four Townes		
Ginnie	49	5/7/1975
John S	42	5/31/1982
Dennis W	35	5/30/1989
Andy	3	5/23/2021
Pete	1	5/7/2023
Friday Noon Men's		
Bob S	39	5/6/1985
Had Enough		
Rene W	37	5/13/1987
Peggy S	34	5/31/1990
CC	3	5/30/2021
Happy Hour Daytona		
Thad B	13	5/1/2011
Lois D	12	5/12/2012
David	9	5/10/2015
CC	3	5/30/2021
Antoine G	3	5/31/2021
Robert C	1	5/15/2023
High Noon		
Ruth S	34	5/11/1990
Don H	1	5/1/2023
Elaine B	1	5/31/2023
JJ G	1	5/24/2023
Hour of Power		
Jerry K	43	5/13/1981
Eric M	22	5/24/2002
Mary T. H.	15	5/19/2009
Jeff R	10	5/26/2014
Lifesavers		
Jerry K	43	5/13/1981
Richard H	7	5/29/2017
Message in a Bottle		
Karen G-T	8	5/1/2016

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NAME	YR	DATE
New Dawn Group		
Terry W	40	5/17/1984
Chuck M	13	5/7/2011
Karen S	5	5/19/2019
New Smyrna Beach Group		
Michael L	32	5/16/1992
Larry G	15	5/9/2009
Jeanne M	2	5/24/2022
Allison H	1	5/30/2023
Noon Group Deland		
Fred R	39	5/24/1985
Chris L	4	5/28/2020
Open to Change		
John D	42	5/1/1982
Peggy S	34	5/21/1990
Joseph	11	5/24/2013
CC	3	5/30/2021
Crystal W	2	5/21/2022
JG	2	5/21/2022
Chip	1	5/4/2023
Pass It On		
Joe R	36	5/3/1988
Carol D	33	5/12/1991
Taz C	5	5/18/2019
Holly W	3	5/9/2021
Laura L	3	5/25/2021
Carlos	1	5/5/2023
Precisely How		
Terry P	27	5/27/1997
Riverbridge		
Tara H	33	5/13/1991
Kathy M	20	5/8/2004
Glenn R	16	5/24/2008
John P	9	5/5/2015
Road to Recovery DB		
Chris P	31	5/6/1993
Steven I	1	5/5/2023
Road to Recovery Osteen		
Kathy	35	5/17/1989
Dana S	13	5/26/2011
Hunter H	11	5/28/2013

NAME	YR	DATE
Sand and Sea		
Thad B	13	5/1/2011
Ken B	9	5/13/2015
Lynn B	9	5/13/2015
Todd O	2	5/3/2022
Luke B	2	5/17/2022
Charlie H	2	5/15/2022
Christine S	1	5/9/2023
Trisha W	1	5/18/2023
Michelle C	1	5/9/2023
Saturday Women's AA		
Sandy R	26	5/5/1998
Karen B	10	5/3/2014
Lisa S	8	5/31/2016
Jessie C	7	5/10/2017
Tish K	3	5/25/2021
Steps For Life		
Tanya R	33	5/25/1991
Steps in Slow Motion		
Billie B	32	5/2/1992
Sunrise Group Holly Hills		
Tanya R	33	5/25/1991
Brittani P	4	5/6/2020
Bob P	1	5/15/2023
Sunrise Group Deland		
Gus B	5	5/28/2019
Bill M	4	5/29/2020
David H	1	5/18/2023
Way of Life		
Jimmy D	27	5/3/1997
Bonnie D	21	5/4/2003
Chris S	3	5/2/2021
Justin W	1	5/8/2023
Luis S	1	5/1/2023
Caleb P	1	5/20/2023
We Are Alive		
Sam T	6	5/17/2018
Women's Book Study		
Jule E	31	5/4/1993
Jeaneen W	17	5/26/2007
YOLO		
Bill R	29	5/25/1995
Ashley F	9	5/6/2015
Nancy W	8	5/15/2016
John P	5	5/20/2019

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2,004 Years of Sobriety in May 2024

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

Lest We Forget	Attitude Adjustment
Beachside NSB	Lifesavers
Seaside Group NSB	Deland Group
Steering Committee	Yolo
IGR Meeting	Noon Group Deland
Back To Basics	Wednesday's Women's
Pass It On	

TOTAL MARCH DONATIONS
$2,120.81

Volusia County H & I - March 2024

Balance on the 1st:	$720.84
Month Donations:	$263.65
Literature Expenses:	$000.00
Balance 30th or 31st	$1004.49

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

Intergroup Representatives (IGR) attending March Meeting:

Port Orange
Women;s Book Study

New Smyrna Beach
Lifesavers
High Noon

Ormond Beach
Riverbridge Group
How It Works
Early Ducks

Holly Hill
Sunrise Group

Deltona
Deltona Men's Group
Saturday Night Beginners

Orange City
Alcoholics and God

Daytona Beach
Central Fact
Good Day Group
Happy Hour
YOLO
Way of Life

Edgewater
5:30 Group
Ladies Tuesday Night

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

Committees, Coordinators, and Volusia County Intergroup updates

Office Coordinator: 59 calls and 171 visits, + 1 dog.

Website Administrator: **VCI Website Report 4.4.2024** – Hi everyone the website was up in all major analytics this past month including an amazing 11,269 page views. Joe K. has been doing a great job w/ meeting & event updates. I have received some emails about PI/CPC requesting their own @aadaytona.org email. This would have to be voted on by the steering committee and added through the GoDaddy account – which I do not manage. Thank you – Hugh P.

Archives Report: Working on archives display poster.

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!

H&I Packets

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

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It Really Does Work

I was at one of my regular AA meetings and a young couple came in and they both looked lost, so I assumed they were. I walked over to them and asked if they were there for the AA meeting, and they affirmed they were. The look they had in their eyes said it all. Desperation, confusion, and that undeniable fear. I introduced myself and shook his hand. It was wet and trembling. As I shook her hand, I got the feeling that she was tired of it all. I asked if I could sit with them, and they agreed. Thery both listened to the speaker intently. After the meeting we talked briefly, and I gae him my phone number thinking that I hope he calls me.

Almost the whole day went by and then my phone rang. I was at work (there weren't many cell phones at that time.) It was the guy from the meeting. He asked if we could talk. We met at the local coffee shop. That started a relationship. He seemed willing and was eager to learn. We went through the steps. His wife started going to Al-Anon. One day at a time they both survived all their immediate life problems. He was doing what we AA's were doing and he was learning how to live on life's terms. As the days passed, I could see his confidence build. They both had life's ups and downs like people do but they learned how to handle those situations that once baffled them. It helped me too. I had a couple spiritual experiences throughout our friendship. I don't get to see them much anymore as we all have moved but we will always stay in touch. This December they both will celebrate thirty-two years of continuous sobriety. IT WORKS!!

Volunteers Wanted

Intergroup is searching for volunteers to digitize our archival records. This is an important yet simple task of scanning at the intergroup office. It has neither time requirements nor schedules. It can be done when and as convenient to you. Please contact Debbie, our office coordinator to volunteer.

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Sunday – May 12th

Recovery Poem

The search is over-
the journey's been long.
but now I know where I truly belong.
For I came to a fork in the road of life-
One headed toward Peace-
one headed toward strife.
By the Grace of God I choose the right way
and that my dear friends, keeps me sober today.
He's given me hope and the will to be strong.
With understanding and love,
He's forgiven each wrong.
I'm indebted to him for leading the way.
As I know in my heart He gives me "A.A."
"A.A." is my home, my salvation my peace-
I pray that my faith shall ever increase.
For the "sickness" we share's not a sin nor a crime.
And our problems we'll solve-
one day at a time.

Walter Smith (Smitty the barber)
Sobriety date 1956-2013
Richmond, Va