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Volusia County Intergroup Services

December 2024

Districts 8, 19, 20, 21 & 32

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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.*

Twelfth Step Call Tips

When a Twelfth Step call is received, we begin with the assumption that another human being's life is at stake — literally. This means that, without delay, this call is to be answered at once.

1. Arrange for another AA member to go with you.
2. Have a quiet time, read Chapter Seven (Working With Others) in the Big Book.
3. Maintain anonymity.
4. Talk to the prospect alone, if possible. (That is, without his family and friends there.)
5. Congratulate them on wanting to do something about their drinking problem.
6. Give them some AA literature.
7. Note well what the Big Book says at the bottom of page 94: "On your first visit tell him about the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. If he shows interest, lend him your copy of this book."
8. Each of you tell them "what you used to be like, what happened, and what you are like now."
9. If they wants to talk, let them.
10. At the top of page 95, it advises, "Give him a chance to think it over… Sometimes a new man is anxious to proceed at once, and you may be tempted to let him do so. This is sometimes a mistake. If he has trouble later, he is likely to say you rushed him… If he is sincerely interested and wants to see you again, ask him to read this book in the interval (at least ask him to read the first 164 pages). After doing that (reading the book), he must decide for himself if he wants to go on."
11. When you are ready to leave, tell him you will call on him the following day if he wants, and he will have had time to read the first 164 pages, or had time to think about your conversation. Note that the second paragraph on page 96 says, "Suppose you are now making your second visit to a man. He has read this volume, and he is prepared to go through with the Twelve Steps of the program of recovery." At this point you review the Twelve Steps with him, and arrange to bring him to your group meeting. If he does not want to go on, or feels that he can do it some other way, pick up your copy of the Big Book and invite him to call on you again if he changes his mind and decides that AA can be of help.
12. Finally, note how the Big Book, at the top of page 96 says, "We find it a waste of time to keep chasing a man who cannot, or will not, work with you. If you leave such a person alone, he may soon become convinced that he cannot recover by himself."

From AA Grapevine, March 2007

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Archives Story - *contributed by Jim B, Intergroup Archives Chair*

This archive article on the Oxford Groups Steps and this disclaimer do not reflect the view or opinion of Alcoholics Anonymous or Volusia County Intergroup. They are included here for historical reference.

The Oxford Group was an evangelistic Christian movement that grew up in the 1920s under the leadership of Frank Buchman, who eventually became world renowned for his work in promoting world peace and reconciliation. A number of early AA members had ties with their local Oxford Groups, but they separated ways, with the Alcoholics Anonymous groups focusing on their recovery from alcoholism and principle of anonymity. The Oxford Groups were Evangelical Christians, ***while AA is nondenominational, allowing people from all faiths or none at all to feel welcome.***

Bill W. accepted some of the Oxford Group tenets as helpful to alcoholics (reference page xvi of the Big Book). This later became a word-of-mouth six step program of action for alcoholics. There were several versions of this. But, this version can be found in the Fourth Edition (p 263) of the Big Book:

1. *Complete deflation*
2. *Dependence and guidance from a Higher Power*
3. *Moral inventory*
4. *Confession*
5. *Restitution*
6. *Continued work with other alcoholics*

The Seven Steps of the Oxford Group from Rich Walker

1. Take an honest inventory of yourself – Realize that your selfishness causes all your troubles – get yourself out of the way, so that God's spirit can come in and take possession of you.
2. Turn to Jesus – You need a Lord and Master - you have been trying to be several selves at once – all your selves should be organized around a single mastering Life within you-Turn over all of your selves to one mastery will – the will of Christ.
3. Look at your life through Jesus' eyes and break decisively with everything he cannot approve. Times which were not bad by your former standards, now turn out to be intolerable – go back to the hidden recesses where you have tucked your sins away and bring them all out and get rid of them.
4. Turn over yourself and all you have to God. Between you and God there can be no love without an inward self-surrender- Surrender yourself to God – Lose your tangled, snarled up self and find a united, released and happy self.
5. Realize that God receives you and that you receive Him – having given the one thing you have - yourself, you have a right to accept the one thing God has - Himself-Receive Him - and accept power from Him – Let God permeate your life and you will have all you need- forgiveness, power, fellowship, motive and energy to contribute to others.
6. Put right all your human relationships –get onto the church – Take Christ into your house. Make your business an expression of service for God – Realize all men are your brothers no matter of what class or race – Work with others.
7. Have a quiet time each morning – you need a stated time for prayer. Read and meditate upon the word of God – Express yourself to God at the prayer hour – start the day right and you will end it right – In a quiet time, get resources for the day.

Monthly District Meetings

District 8: Last Monday – 7:15 pm, Almous Club, 569 Foote Court, Daytona Beach

District 19: 4th Wednesday– 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 - 6:30pm St. James Episcopal Church, 38 South Halifax, Ormond Beach

District 32: 1st Monday - 6:30PM Grace Beachside Lutheran Church, 338 Oceanshore Blvd. Ormond Beach

Step XII

Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Tradition XII

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Concept XII

The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

MEETING NEWS

NEW MEETING

12 Traditions Meeting
7:00 pm Sundays
Alcoholics & God
1060 E. Industrial Dr. (Suite P)
Orange City, FL

NEW LOCATION

Sobriety First
7:00 pm Sundays
Emmaus Lutheran Church
2500 S. Volusia Ave. (US 17-92)
Orange City, FL

MEETINGS NEEDING SUPPORT

Men's Big Book
6:30 pm Mondays
First Presbyterian Church
509 Magnolia St
New Smyrna Beach, FL

NSB Newcomers Meeting
7:00 pm Thursday
United Church of Christ
203 Washington St
New Smyrna Beach, FL

NEW TIME

DeLand Big Book Group
7:00 pm Wednesdays
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
319 W. Wisconsin Ave.
DeLand, FL

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

NAME	YR	DATE
5:30 Group		
Garry F	40	12/17/1984
Bruce S	38	12/18/1986
Alma R	21	12/25/2003
Bill H	15	12/15/2009
Gary R	15	12/24/2009
Samantha T	12	12/12/2012
Jeanine W	12	12/12/2012
Jeanine N	5	12/19/2019
Sharon K	1	12/3/2023
Victor K	1	12/15/2023
Alcoholics and God		
Caitlin M	7	12/25/2017
Casey H	7	12/10/2017
Suzanne K	6	12/30/2018
Mimi G	1	12/3/2023
Brinna D	1	12/12/2023
Back To Basic Deland		
Ann Marie	39	12/31/1985
Beachside NSB		
Chuck A	11	12/2/2013
Central Facts		
Jeff P	6	12/22/2018
Choice Is Yours		
Joe S	46	12/7/1978
John P	45	12/20/1979
Jim F	28	12/6/1996
Gary M	12	12/6/2012
Kirk	5	12/10/2019
Sherry C	5	12/28/2019
Lindsay H	3	12/5/2021
DeLand Big Book		
Mat G	6	12/19/2018
Deltona-DeBary Group		
Mary O	15	12/25/2009
Deltona Men's Group		
Gary S	37	12/6/1987
Dane R	5	12/28/2019
Wayne H	4	12/9/2020
Donut Group		
Mike G	27	12/3/1997
Rob S	2	12/3/2022
AJ	1	12/8/2023
Driveway Meeting		
Chrissy	4	12/26/2020
Alex	1	12/6/2023

NAME	YR	DATE
Four Townes Group		
Mary S	47	12/1/1977
Andy B	36	12/27/1988
Donna W	32	12/14/1992
Eagle	31	12/19/1993
Bill G	25	12/10/1999
Lacey G	8	12/4/2016
Jen K	7	12/25/2017
Had Enough		
Sue W	47	12/16/1977
Happy Hour Daytona		
Ricky	16	12/7/2008
Celeste M	10	12/22/2014
Angela S	8	12/15/2016
High Noon		
Gary F	40	12/17/1984
Chuck A	9	12/2/2015
Steve S	3	12/10/2021
Jonathon A	1	12/31/2023
Hour of Power		
John O	46	12/0/1978
Steve E	35	12/0/1989
Kay D	19	12/0/2005
Judy V.H	11	12/0/2013
Lifesavers		
Judy N	22	12/26/2002
Lest We Forget		
Glenna J	33	12/7/1991
Jon G	15	12/21/2009
Rob R	8	12/31/2016
Happy Belated Anniversary		
Don G	45	11/16/1979
Jane C	38	11/1/1986
Trisha C	21	11/22/2003
Jen C	5	11/7/2019
Miracle Group		
Loc's	23	12/13/2001
Allison K	10	12/26/2014
Never Had It So Good		
John P	45	12/20/1979
Ron G	37	12/7/1987
Larry W	11	12/11/2013
Maureen "Moe"	1	12/12/2023
Danny D	1	12/14/2023

Total 2048 Years of Sobriety

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

NAME	YR	DATE
New Dawn Group		
Ed D	3	12/27/2021
Gina J	1	12/9/2023
Lee C	1	12/30/2023
New Hope		
Tony H	38	12/3/1986
New Smyrna Beach Group		
Kandis N	36	12/1/1988
Penny M	10	12/25/2014
Noon Group - Deland		
Greg B	39	12/21/1985
Rich P	38	12/14/1986
Bill C	18	12/28/2006
Rudy F	8	12/20/2016
Kevin S	1	12/16/2023
Open to Change		
Sandra	16	12/19/2008
Victor S	12	12/16/2012
Ralph	7	12/1/2017
Richard	6	12/1/2018
Heather B	3	12/3/2021
Barbara S	3	12/12/2021
Kylie	3	12/13/2021
Siri	2	12/4/2022
Kathy	1	12/4/2023
Ormond Beach Group		
Ron B	32	12/4/1992
Pass It On		
Nancy P	38	12/4/1986
Peter S	9	12/1/2015
Precisely How		
Tim D	9	12/2/2015
Road to Recovery Osteen		
Dean	34	12/17/1990
Steve O	32	12/7/1992
Lee P	19	12/12/2005
Sand and Sea		
Matt H	26	12/29/1998
Ricky	16	12/7/2008
Casey B	11	12/27/2013
Brandon C	3	12/5/2021
David R	3	12/24/2021
George T	1	12/17/2023
Saturday Women's AA		
Terry B	42	12/10/1982
Sisters In Sobriety Deland		
Jill D	38	12/3/1986

NAME	YR	DATE
Steps For Life		
Donna	11	12/8/2013
Sunrise Group Deland		
Rick	42	12/28/1982
Nancy C	20	12/1/2004
Doug B	15	12/22/2009
Pete S	5	12/1/2019
Dane R	5	12/28/2019
Roy B	5	12/28/2019
John H	1	12/1/2023
Thomas I	1	12/6/2023
Scott F	1	12/9/2023
Keven S	1	12/16/2023
Sunrise Group Holly Hill		
Mark Z	35	12/30/1989
Ron B	32	12/4/1992
Larry M	24	12/2/2000
Andy K	13	12/10/2011
Chrissy T	4	12/26/2020
James B	3	12/26/2021
Tomoka Group Beachside		
Juan B	5	12/8/2019
Way of Life		
Michelle L	19	12/1/2005
Noah H	2	12/29/2022
We Are Alive		
Kandis N	36	12/1/1988
Brenda B	7	12/10/2017
Scotty	7	12/25/2017
Wednesday Women's		
Beryl D	40	12/2/1984
Inger W	28	12/17/1996
Jill S	22	12/25/2002
Janice K	7	12/26/2017
Women's Book Study		
Donna W	11	12/8/2013
Kylie D	7	12/15/2017
YOLO		
Jim F	27	12/14/1997
Mark N	1	12/27/2023
Young At Heart		
Blaine	36	12/14/1988
Ricky	16	12/7/2008
Samantha	12	12/12/2012
Brenda B	7	12/10/2017
Peter	5	12/19/2019
Morgan D	3	12/7/2021
Donna K	3	12/9/2021

VOLUSIA COUNTY INTERGROUP NEWS

Volusia County Intergroup Representative's Meetings: 6:30 pm, 3rd Thursday each month
Central Baptist Church, 142 Fairview Ave; Daytona Beach, FL

Intergroup Steering Committee Meetings: 6:30 pm, 2nd Thursday each month
1635 S. Ridgewood Ave; South Daytona, FL

Volusia County Intergroup Office

Open: Monday – Friday 9 am – 5 pm Open: Saturday 9 am – 1 pm (**See page 7 for Holiday Closures**)
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

Where can AA groups send their contributions?

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

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

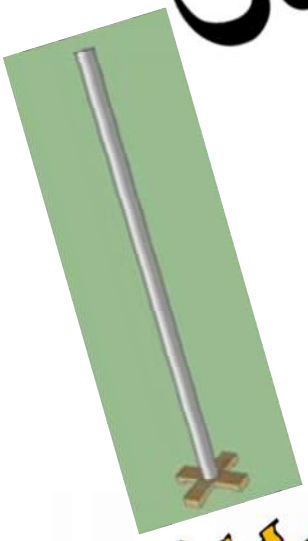
Committees, Coordinators, and Volusia County Intergroup updates

Office Coordinator: Donations from groups totaled **$3,058.83**
Groups donating: YOLO; Happy Hour-DB; Sand & Sea; DeLand Group; Back to Basics-DeLand; Four Townes; Step Up- DeLand; Noon Group- DeLand; Miracle Group; Grateful Group; IGR Meeting; Sunrise-DeLand; Hour of Power; Central Fact; Pass It On; Steps for Life (In memory of Pat B); Back To Basics-Daytona; Anonymous; Sunday Morning Sober; Wednesday's Women; Women's Big Book Study.

Groups represented at IGR meeting (Oct): Alcoholics & God; How It Works; Message in a Bottle; Tomoka Beachside; Sisters in Sobriety; Choice is Yours; New Dawn; Happy Hour; Wednesday's Women; 5:30 Group; Lest We Forget; Sunrise Group-Holly Hill; High Noon; New Smyrna Beach Group.

High 'n Dry Editor: If interested in submitting an article, please email ***admin@aadaytona.org***
January Anniversaries should be submitted no later than December 15th.

Archives Report: I want to thank those who submitted Group History forms; most recently "Steps in Slow Motion" (Orange City) and "Tomoka Group Beachside" (Ormond Beach). If you want to submit your group history, you can find the form at:
https://aadaytona.org/group-history-form/ *-Jim B.* ***Archives***



December Happenings

Bodhi Day – Dec 4th
Gita Jayanti – Dec 11th
Winter Solstice – Dec 21st
Festivus – Dec 23rd
Christmas – Dec 25th
Chanuka – Dec 25th – Jan 2nd
Kwanzaa – Dec 26th – Jan 1st

The Volusia County

INTERGROUP OFFICE

will be CLOSED to give staff and volunteers time off for the holidays:

Tuesday December 24, 2024 – Christmas Eve
Wednesday December 25, 2024 – Christmas Day
Tuesday December 31, 2024 – New Year's Eve
Wednesday January 1, 2025 – New Year's Day

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ALCATHON'S
Over the holidays

Yana Club - Alcathon
Start: Christmas Eve December 24 at 6:00 pm Thru: Christmas Day December 25 at 6:00 pm

Location:
111 Howes St; Port Orange, FL

Almous Club - Alcathon
Start: Christmas Eve December 24 at 6:00 pm Thru: Christmas Day December 25 at 6:00 pm

Location:
569 Foote Court; Daytona Beach, FL

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Almost without exception, alcoholics are tortured by loneliness. Even before our drinking got bad and people began to cut us off, nearly all of us suffered the feeling that we didn't quite belong.
-AS BILL SEES IT, p. 90

Victor E Club - Alcathon
Start: Christmas Eve December 24 at 5:30 pm Thru: Christmas Day December 25 at 6:30 pm

Start: New Year's Eve December 31 at 5:30 pm
Thru: New Year's Day January 1 at 6:30 pm

Location:
1320 E New York Ave (SR 44); DeLand, FL

Alcoholics & God - Alcathon
Start: Christmas Eve December 24 at 6:00 pm Thru: Christmas Day December 25 at 6:00 pm

Location:
1060 E Industrial Dr, Suite P; Orange City, FL

Can't attend a meeting in person?
There is an AA guide to online meetings at anytime:

https://aa-intergroup.org/

ONLINE INTERGROUP
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

I'm thankful for being placed in situations for spot check inventories, I'm thankful that God lets me feel enough of self to where I have to reconnect with him to re-direct my thinking and actions. I'm glad no matter what my disease tells me on how I should feel that through the power of God's grace we will trudge through obstacles of life on life's terms together. I have to show up and do the footwork though, Faith without works is dead! God does for me what I can't do for myself. But he doesn't do what I can do for me as well. In learning to let God take the lead after self punishment of being locked in self centered/ old behavior that fat piece of Humble pie is there as a gentle reminder that I'm still a work in progress and that it will unfold according to the will of God's plan for me. *--Allen S*