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VOLUSIA COUNTY INTERGROUP SERVICES

Districts 8, 19, 20, 21 & 32

December 2025

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.*

Responsibility of Sponsors (Step 12)

From Central Bulletin November 1942

A glimpse at sponsorship in the first decade of Alcoholics Anonymous

The greatest responsibility any man or woman assumes as a member of A.A. is the treatment or sponsorship of the new prospect. Upon how thoroughly and conscientiously this job is done by us depends the future happiness and security of the individual concerned.

It is, therefore, important that we assume this responsibility in its entirety, not only for the benefit of the prospect, but for our own protection as well. ***Our own safety and security*** depend upon how unselfishly we give of ourselves to others.

It is our duty to be certain beyond the shadow of a doubt that the prospect, once left on their own, has such a complete understanding of the principles and practices of this movement that they will know what to do under any and all conditions.

This is accomplished only by painstaking effort on our part - to the extent that we must be sure that the prospect has received the proper instructions from a great number of contacts, through the reading of the book Alcoholics Anonymous, and by our showing the way properly to make a contact with others.

All this having been done, it is important that we impress upon the prospect the fact that they must then do this job themselves for their own security.

All these things are vitally necessary, and it is the sponsor's responsibility to follow through on this to the point where the prospect is able honestly to recognize the fact that regardless of what the condition or circumstance with which they are confronted, a drink is never the solution to their problem.

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Archives Story

Second Reader for Alcoholics Anonymous Published in Akron, Ohio

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I have culled and paraphrased tidbits from the pamphlet. Archivist's additional comments are in brackets. The original was published by the Akron Area Intergroup Council of A.A. in the 1940's and commissioned by Dr. Bob and is still available for purchase from the Akron Intergroup.
https://akronaa.org/product-category/pamphlets/page/2/
This is only a portion of the pamphlet. If this story peaks your interest, then I encourage you to buy and read the whole pamphlet. Hope you enjoyed perspective of early A.A.'s in Akron. ***-Jim B.; Intergroup Archivist***

A Manual for Alcoholics Anonymous

YOU HAVE BEEN a member of AA for weeks or months and the bright shining newness has started to dull. Scores of new friends have gone out of their way to be nice to you and you have respect of others and self-respect. The complexities of the program fall into a pattern and you try to sober up every drunk you find. You lend money and are disappointed when it is not repaid. About this time your babies [Interesting early use of "babies' instead of "pigeons."] suffer relapse. About now you know more about AA than anyone and wonder why Joe Smith manages to stay sober, when his method is different than yours. It is hardly a smooth path but a normal one.

Then we come face to face with an important question:

WHAT IS THERE IN AA FOR ME BEYOND PLAIN SOBRIETY?

Up to this time your sobriety has been purely physical. You attended meeting and done your twelfth step work. But what about spiritual?

There is a school of philosophy that a well-rounded life is balanced WORK, PLAY, LOVE AND RELIGION (translate into A.A.) in equal parts. Figure 1: a drawing of + shape is provided with W, P, L, and AA inside each arm. Figure 2: When drinking, the shape is Large P, small L, and small W with no A.A. New in sobriety is Figure 3: AA has become large and dominant and Play is faint shadow and Work is somewhat exaggerated as we work to please boss, customer, or client. Love has improved but we maybe so involved with AA we still neglect our families. Figure 4: The initial excitement of A.A. has worn off and one is returning to balanced life. Work and love are in balance. AA still exaggerated and Play is growing with return to fishing, hunting, theatre, and long forgotten hobbies. We return to balanced Figure 1, which does not neglect twelfth step work but it requires less time than when we first found A.A.

Sponsors vary as do fingerprints. A philosophy that works for one might not work for another. Like 20 people that make cakes. Same type of ingredients but one makes chocolate cake and one makes vanilla cake. Ingredients for decent living: kindliness, patience, tolerance, charity, integrity, fortitude, and all the rest. Like the cakes in a meeting, you will hear variety of recipes for sobriety. Try them and disregard the ones that don't work for you as long, as it is a fair trial. For example, one person is introspective and forever examines their soul. Another person is a great reader of inspirational material. Another spends time on twelfth step work. All put FIRST THINGS FIRST, which is sobriety.

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MONTHLY DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 8: Last Monday – 7:15pm Almous Club 569 Foote Court, Daytona Beach	**District 19:** 4th Wednesday – 6:30pm First Congregational Church (Jane Murray Hall) 201 W. University, Orange City	**District 20:** 3rd Sunday- 6:30 pm (PI and Treatment Committee) 7:00 pm (District meeting) United Church of Christ 203 Washington St., New Smyrna Beach
District 21: 4th Tuesday- 6:30 pm St. James Episcopal Church 38 South Halifax, Ormond Beach	**District 32:** 1st Monday - 6:30 pm Grace Beachside Lutheran Church 338 Oceanshore Blvd. Ormond Beach	**Group GSR's Please Attend** **so you can carry the message from your group**

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

Or online at:
https://contribution/aa.org

Area 14 Contributions:
Area 14, Panel 73 Treasurer
PO BOX 840066
St. Augustine, FL 32080

Or on-line at:
https://aanorthflorida.org

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.

The 12th Step Promises

Many of us have heard of the Ninth Step Promises from page 83-84 of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. There are, however, many additional promises throughout the Big Book. Promises associated with STEP TWELVE include:

- PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE shows that **nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail**. (p. 89)
- **Life will take on new meaning**. (p. 89)
- To watch people recover, to see them help others, to watch loneliness vanish, to see a fellowship grow up about you, to have a host of friends **this is an experience you must not miss**. We know you will not want to miss it. **Frequent contact with newcomers and with each other is the bright spot of our lives.** (p. 89)
- Both you and the new man must walk day by day in the path of spiritual progress. If you persist, **remarkable things will happen**. (p. 100)
- When we look back, we realize that **the things which came to us when we put ourselves in God's hands were better than anything we could have planned**. (p. 100)
- Follow the dictates of a Higher Power and **you will presently live in a new and wonderful world,** no matter what your present circumstances! (p. 100)
- Assuming we are spiritually fit, **we can do all sorts of things alcoholics are not supposed to do**. (p. 100)
- Your job now is to be at the place where you may be of maximum helpfulness to others, so never hesitate to go anywhere if you can be helpful. You should not hesitate to visit the most sordid spot on earth on such an errand. Keep on the firing line of life with these motives and **God will keep you unharmed**. (p. 102)
- **The power of God goes deep!** (p. 102)
- **We have stopped fighting anybody and anything**. We have to! (p. 103)

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

NAME	YR	DATE
2'sday Nite Sobriety		
Maggie	2	12/28/2023
Alcoholics and God		
Casey H	8	12/10/2017
Caitlin M	8	12/25/2017
Katy E	2	12/1/2023
Mimi G	2	12/3/2023
Brianna D	2	12/12/2023
Beachside-NSB		
Chuck A	12	12/6/2013
Central Facts		
Jeff P	7	12/22/2018
Troylee	1	12/22/2024
Happy Belated Anniversary		
Jason K	4	11/3/2021
Kat W	3	11/6/2022
Alex C	2	11/6/2023
John H	1	11/17/2024
Choice is Yours		
John P	46	12/20/1979
Jim F	29	12/6/1996
Gary M	13	12/6/2012
Kirk	6	12/10/2019
Sherry C	6	12/28/2019
Lindsay H	4	12/5/2021
DeLand Big Book		
Mat G	7	12/19/2018
Deltona/Debary Group		
Mary O	14	12/25/2011
Deltona Men's Group		
Gary S	38	12/6/1987
Dane R	6	12/28/2019
Wayne H	5	12/9/2020
Donut Group		
Mike G	28	12/3/1997
Rob S	3	12//28/2022
Chris Z	2	12/9/2023
Early Ducks		
John C	1	12/28/2024

Representing **685.940** Days of SOBRIETY
...one day at a time.

NAME	YR	DATE
Four Townes		
Mary S	48	12/1/1977
Greg B	40	12/20/1985
Andy B	37	12/27/1988
Donna W	33	12/14/1992
Eagle	32	12/19/1993
Bill G	26	12/10/1999
Lacy G	9	12/4/2016
Jen K	8	12/25/2017
Amanda W	1	12/10/2024
Karen F	1	12/25/2024
Happy Hour Daytona		
Ricky	17	12/7/2008
Angela S	9	12/15/2016
High Noon		
Gary F	41	12/17/1984
Chuck A	12	12/6/2013
Hour of Power		
John O	47	12/31/1978
Steve R	36	12/10/1989
Bev C	23	12/12/2002
Kay D	20	12/3/2005
Judy V	12	12/30/2013
Good Day Group		
Sabrina R	3	12/18/2022
Alex B	2	12/9/2023
Grateful Group		
Tammi S	1	12/6/2024
Lest we Forget		
Paul O	46	12/17/1979
Glenna J	34	12/7/1991
Jon G	16	12/21/2009
Lifesavers		
Judy N	23	12/26/2002
Never Had It So Good		
John P	45	12/20/1979
Larry W	12	12/11/2013
Danny D	2	12/14/2023
New Dawn		
Ed D	4	12/27/2021
Lee C	2	12/30/2023

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NAME	YR	DATE
New Smyrna Beach Group		
Kandis N	37	12/1/1988
Penny M	11	12/25/2014
Noon Group Deland		
Rich P	39	12/14/1986
Bill C	19	12/28/2006
Rudy F	9	12/20/2016
Arthur F	1	12/31/2024
Open To Change		
Jeremiah C	29	12/9/1996
Victor S	13	12/16/2012
Richard W	7	12/1/2018
Heather B	4	12/3/2021
Barbara S	4	12/12/2021
Kylie M	4	12/13/2021
Siri K	3	12/4/2022
Kathy M	2	12/4/2023
Ormond Beach Group		
Brad M	40	12/10/1985
Pass it On		
Nancy P	39	12/4/1986
Peter	10	12/1/2015
Mami	2	12/12/2023
Sheree	2	12/12/2023
Riverbridge		
Austin G	1	12/15/2024
Sand and Sea		
Matt H	27	12/29/1998
Casey B	12	12/27/2013
David R	4	12/24/2021
Brandon C	4	12/5/2021
George T	2	12/17/2023
John M	1	12/19/2024
Saturday Women's AA		
Terry B	43	12/10/1982
Ann Marie	40	12/31/1985
Dana A	2	12/30/2023
Sister in Sobriety Deland		
Jill D	39	12/3/1986
Steps For Life		
Donna W	13	12/8/2012

NAME	YR	DATE
Sunrise Group Deland		
Rick	43	12/28/1982
Nancy C	21	12/1/2004
Doug B	16	12/22/2009
Peter S	6	12/1/2019
Dane R	6	12/28/2019
Laura D	4	12/18/2021
Scott F	2	12/9/2023
Sunrise Group Holly Hill		
Mark Z	36	12/30/1989
Ron B	33	12/4/1992
Larry M	25	12/2/2000
Andy K	14	12/10/2011
Chrissy T	5	12/26/2020
James B	4	12/26/2021
Happy Belated Anniversary		
Lee	28	11/11/1997
Way of Life		
Gary F	41	12/17/1984
Michelle L	20	12/1/2005
Noah H	3	12/29/2022
Alex B	2	12/9/2023
Dennis	1	12/18/2024
We Are Alive		
Kandis N	37	12/1/1988
Jeanie W	13	12/12/2012
Brenda B	8	12/10/2017
Scott C	8	12/25/2017
Wednesday Women		
Beryl D	41	12/2/1984
Inger W	29	12/17/1996
Jill S	23	12/25/2002
Janice K	8	12/26/2017
Women's New Beginnings		
Maggie	2	12/28/2023
YOLO		
Jim F	28	12/14/1997
Mark N	2	12/27/2023
Jenn M	2	12/6/2023

VOLUSIA COUNTY INTERGROUP NEWS

Intergroup Representative's Meetings:	Intergroup Steering Committee Meetings:	Corrections & Treatment Committee Meetings:
6:30 pm, 3rd Thursday each month **Central Baptist Church** 142 Fairview Ave; Daytona Beach, FL	6:30 pm, 2nd Thursday each month **Coastal Center** (upstairs) 1635 S. Ridgewood Ave. South Daytona, FL	6:30 pm, 1st Thursday each month **Coastal Center** (upstairs) 1635 S. Ridgewood Ave. South Daytona, FL

VOLUSIA COUNTY INTERGROUP OFFICE

Open: Monday- Friday 9 am – 5 pm;
Saturday 9 am – 1pm

Anniversary Coins, Books, Book Covers, Pamphlets, Cards, Jewelry, Decals, Bookmarks

***** Credit cards accepted *****

Interested in service work?
Contact the Office Coordinator
Email: admin@aadaytona.org

Phone: (386) 756-2930

INTERGROUP HOLIDAY HOURS

We will be CLOSED

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day (Dec 24 & 25)
New Years Eve & Day (Dec 31 & Jan 1)

Intergroup Abbreviated Profit and Loss Statement

	Oct 2025	Sept 2025
Contributions/Donations	$3,401.02	$772.32
AA and Non-AA Literature & Goods	$4,064.96	$3,006.91
Special Events/Other Income	$4.04	$3.02
Total Income	**$7,470.02**	**$3,782.25**
Cost of AA and Non-AA Literature & Goods	$1,733.21	$1,873.65
Administration, Office, Bldg & Communication	$5,653.46	$3,647.50
Total Expenses	**$7,386.67**	**$ 5,521.15**
Profit / Loss	**$ 83.53**	**-$1,738.90**

Questions? Your IGR has more details.

Groups represented at the November IGR meeting:

It's 5 O'clock Somewhere; New Dawn; Steps for Life; Saturday Women's AA; Early Ducks; Had Enough; High Noon; Hour of Power; Seaside Group; Deltona Men's Group; Deland Big Book; Central Facts; Good Day Group; YOLO; Happy Hour (DB); The Driveway Group

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October Group Donations $3,401.02:

Happy Hour – DB; Sand & Sea; Any Lengths; New Hope; Hour of Power; Women's Book Study; DeLand Group; Noon Group – DeLand; Driveway Group; Four Townes; Lest We Forget; YOLO; Steps in Slow Motion; Sisters in Sobriety; Donut Group; Back to Basics; New Dawn; Holly Hill Book Study; Pass It On; Sunday Morning Sober;; Weekly Reprieve; Anniversary; Anonymous; IGR Meeting; Steering Committee

Intergroup Committees and Coordinators updates

Office Coordinator: 58 Phone Calls; 179 Visits.
High 'n Dry Editor: If interested in submitting article or January anniversaries please email no later than **December 15th** to ***editor@aadaytona.org*** .
Archives Report: Friend and archivist Carolyn C. passed away and will be missed. Archives would welcome your sharing your remembrances of the Carolyn.
Twelve Step Coordinator: Received 25 calls.
Corrections & Treatment: The H&I committee filed minutes from their Oct. 2 meeting. All AA members are invited to attend their committee meeting every 1st Thursday at above Intergroup office at 6:30 pm.

MEETING NEWS

NEW MEETING
ACCEPTANCE MEETING
Tuesdays 6:00 pm
Format: Discussion
At the Drive-In Church
(in the back)
3140 S. Atlantic Ave
Daytona Beach Shores, 32118

Speaker Step Series
12 Steps in 12 Weeks
Thursday Nights 7:00 pm
Continuing through December
Deltona Presbyterian Church
2300 Howland Blvd
Deltona, FL 32738

NEW MEETING
ON LIFE'S TERMS
Fridays 8:30 pm
Literature / Young People's
Alcoholics and God
1060 E. Industrial Dr - Suite P
(across street from post office)
Orange City, 32763

CHRISTMAS ALCATHON'S

Victor E. Club	Almous Club	Alcoholics & God	Yana Club (District 20)
1320 E New York Ave DeLand	569 Foote Ct Daytona Beach	1060 E Industrial Dr Orange City	111 Howes Street Port Orange
5:30pm Dec 24 thru 6:30pm Dec 25	**6:00 pm Dec 24 thru 6:00pm Dec 25**	**6 am - 10 pm Dec 24 6 am - 10 pm Dec 25**	**6:30pm Dec 24 thru 6:30am Dec 25**

NEW YEAR'S ALCATHON'S

Victor E. Club	Almous Club	REBOS Club (District 20)
1320 E New York Ave - DeLand	569 Foote Ct -Daytona Beach	2325 S, Ridgewood Av- Edgewater
5:30pm Dec 31 thru 6:30pm Jan 1	**6:00pm Dec 31 thru 6:00pm Jan 1**	**5:30pm Dec 31 thru 5:30am Jan 1**

OPPORTUNITIES for SERVICE in AA

Districts 8, 21 & 32 are looking for someone to take over "Corrections, Institutions / Cooperation with Professional Community" **(CICPC).** If interested please attend the District 8, 21 or 32 meeting
(dates/times/locations listed on page 3.)

INTERGROUP needs **OFFICE VOLUNTEERS**
Wednesdays from 1:00pm – 5:00 pm
2nd & 3rd Saturdays from 9:00am – 1:00pm
And VOLUNTEERS to fill in
Contact INTERGROUP OFFICE at 386-756-2930

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.

BOB D.
LAS VEGAS, NV
10/31/1978

FOR AN OPEN MIND & A NEW EXPERIENCE

Alcoholics Anonymous

SET ASIDE

BIG BOOK WEEKEND

NEXT EDITION 2025

DAYTONA BEACH FLORIDA

HENRY M.
MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA
8/26/2011

It Works—It Really Does.

DEC. 12-14TH, 2025 | NEXT EDITION | DAYTONA BEACH, FL

Join us for another weekend of exploring the 12 Steps of the Big Book— for a new experience in our recovery, our Higher Power, and our fellowship. **Bob D. (Vegas) & Henry M. (Colombia)** bring nearly sixty years of combined experience with the 12 steps, the Big Book, and carrying the message to many people across the world.

Day 1 (Friday PM): Steps 1,2,3
Day 2 (Saturday): AM Steps Session
PM Steps Session
Banquet Dinner
Speaker
Day 3 (Sunday AM): 12 Steps Review & Closing Session

DUE TO LIMITED SPACE, THIS IS A REGISTRATION ONLY EVENT
ALL PEOPLE ARE WELCOME TO REGISTER!
THIS WEEKEND IS BEING UNORGANIZABLY ORGANIZED BY **THE SET ASIDE GROUP** OF ALOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, WHICH MEETS TUESDAYS AT 7PM (MEN'S/CLOSED)
326 S Palmetto Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32114

DEC. 12-14, 2025

HOLIDAY INN DAYTONA BEACH LPGA BOULEVARD & I-95
386-944-5988
137 Automall Cir, Daytona Beach, FL 32124

Registration: $43
Banquet Dinner: $43

REGISTER TODAY!

We have negotiated discounted rates for rooms at the **Holiday Inn on LPGA Blvd.** There is no online booking to get the $159/night rate. Please call **386-944-5988**
MENTION: SET ASIDE WKND

Saturday Night Beginners – Eating Meeting

December 13 @ 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

SATURDAY NIGHT BEGINNERS MEETING

BRING A DISH TO SHARE

EATING MEETING

Join us for food and fellowship, stay for the 7pm meeting

EVERY SECOND SATURDAY

1649 Providence Blvd.,
Deltona, FL 32725

Corrections Service Workshop

December 6 @ 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Area 14 &
Districts 8, 19 & 20
Sponsoring a
Corrections Service Workshop

Saturday, December 6th
1:30 – 4:30 PM
Almous Club
569 Foote Court
Daytona Beach, FL

Speaker Panel with Q&A

Come learn how YOU can carry the message of sobriety to your local corrections institutions

Lunch will be provided

JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

VOLUSIA COUNTY INTERGROUP

Inventory Reduction Sale

Selected Items — While Supplies Last!

As Bill Sees It – ***25% off***
Came to Believe – *was $7.00,* ***NOW $3.95***
Living Sober LP – *was $8.40,* ***NOW $4.95***
Selected Grapevine Publications ***10-35% off***

Other selected Items - Come in and shop

Great opportunity for groups to pick up AA literature at reduced prices!

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Carrying the message, one book at a time.