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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."



Heard it Through the Grapevine – Editor's choice

Mail Call – from December 1949

AT our last meeting one of the speakers said that when he came into AA, he was "terrified" by the thought of living the rest of his life without liquor. Other speakers pointed out that a remedy for that terror was to look ahead not in terms of the rest of one's life, but rather one day at a time. True enough, but why not also look at it another way and strike a balance between the losses and gains?

Like this:

How terrible it would be to go through the rest of my life without losing my job and my friends!

How awful it would be to go on and on without ruining my health and my mind; without hangovers and jitters, and with no prospect of getting smashed up in my car or jailed as a drunk!

What is the use of living the years ahead if I can't disgrace myself and my friends and my family, and make myself an object of pity or ridicule!

How frightening it is to think of going through life with no more furtive, mean and degrading alcoholic tricks-to-get-liquor that were formerly a part of my daily life!

How empty is the future when all I can look forward to instead of those things is:

A new and heartening self-respect

A new respect for me, on the part of those who knew of my failing;

A new health of mind and body;

A new happiness for my family;

A new serenity and peace;

A new faith in myself, in my fellow men and in the Power Greater than ourselves whose guidance and help I may have for the humble asking.

No, there is no loss in a liquor-less future. There is only gain.

-- M.

Worcester, Massachusetts

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INTERGROUP NEWS and MEETINGS 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 at the Intergroup Office



Groups represented at the Intergroup Representative's October 2020 Meeting

Back to Basics
Deland Big Book Study
Early Ducks
Friday Sobriety
Happy Hour
Hour of Power
Lest We Forget
Love & Service
New Dawn
Ormond Beach Group
Riverbridge Group
Sand & Sea
Saturday Night Beginners
Saturday Women's Group
Sobriety First/OC
Sunrise Group/Holly Hill
Wednesday Women's
We're Working On It

The Volusia County
Intergroup Office
Wants You



Volusia County Intergroup

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Monday – Friday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Anniversary Coins, Books,
Book covers, Cards, Jewelry.

Credit cards accepted

Vacant Service positions

If you are interested in Service
work at Intergroup then please
contact our Office Coordinator
Margaret K.
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phone - (386) 756-2930



Special Thanks to the following Home Groups for their contributions

Basic Test, Ormond Beach
Happy Hour DB
Lest We Forget
Lifesavers
Never Had It So Good
Riverbridge
Sisters in Sobriety
Sunday Morning Sober
Sunrise Group, Holly Hill
The Choice Is Yours
Usual Suspects
Women's Book Study
Women's New Beginnings

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Committees, Coordinators, & Volusia County Intergroup updates for September 2020

Office Coordinator: Office Coordinators Report: Attached- There were 66 phone calls in the month of October and 142 visits. Intergroup is in need of a volunteer for Thursday afternoon's from 1:00p-5:00p.m. Inventory was successful with many volunteers counting items in advance. Libby has sincerely complimented Margaret as the Office Coordinator- she is amazing in her position and asks that the Steering Committee support her. – Margaret K:

Archives Report: Bambi H. has donated materials which she received from Grant. - Over a dozen speaker tapes (the only local speaker was Duke D.) - 3 pictures of Grant with a group of men, among them are Hal M. and Steve Included in her donation are the records from the group "Line by Line" from 2009 and 2010. They will be scanned and stored in the cloud. - To answer a question, which was asked, we do not destroy your records after they are scanned. The paper records are stored in a filing cabinet in the Archives Room. The scanning and cloud storage is a back-up in case there should be a disaster which destroys the original records. Kara K. is going full steam ahead with Old-timer interviews. We have finally smoothed out the wrinkles in the system. - Carolyn C:

[See Committee Reports, p 7](#)

From the Archives

The Home Brewmeister-Clarence H. Snyder

The story of the "Home Brewmeister" can be found in the Big Book in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Editions. Clarence Snyder was one of the original members who helped write the Big book while attending Oxford Group meetings.

In our collection we have copies of 2 newspaper articles featuring Clarence:

June 12, 1979 Sarasota Herald-Tribune
"A Founder of AA Achieves Belated Recognition"

June 22, 1979 Daytona News Journal Editorials "They Help Others Beat Problem of Alcoholism"
Sidebar: "AA founder still trying to sell Idea" with a picture of Clarence holding a copy of *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

Also we have a DVD of a talk by Clarence recorded in Leesburg, February 4, 1983, before his death in March of 1984.

Clarence is also part of our Daytona Beach history because he spoke at Club YANA shortly after it opened in the store front in the Harbor Oaks strip mall on Ridgewood Ave. in 1979.

In 1938, Clarence returned home to Cleveland after being "on the bum" in New York City. He was 35 years old. His wife had heard of the work being done in Akron for alcoholics and she sent Clarence down to Dr. Bob to "get cured."

In Akron, Clarence was admitted to the hospital and after discharge and going through the process, Dr. Bob told him "to seek other alcoholics and help them to recover through the Oxford movement." It took him several months but eventually Clarence collected 14 alcoholics and they regularly traveled to Akron for group sessions.

Because seven of the fourteen members traveling to Akron were Catholic, their priest was concerned about them attending a Protestant group meeting. Clarence suggested to Dr. Bob a separation from the Oxford Group and establishing a non-denominational group for alcoholics. This suggestion was not taken.

In May of 1939, Clarence Snyder and the Cleveland members established their own group in Cleveland and called it Alcoholics Anonymous after the Big Book title which had just been published. Their group would be limited to just alcoholics. (Is this why Clarence is referred to as the founder of Alcoholics Anonymous in the newspaper banner? Nell Wing said "he would have been a founder except for his abrasive personality")

The AA group in Cleveland was very successful in getting drunks sober. So much so that Bill frequently visited them on his trips to Ohio. There were differences in the emphasis of the programs in Ohio and New York. In *AA Comes of Age* the success in Cleveland is described as "The value of personal sponsorship, the worth of AA's Big Book in indoctrinating newcomers."

In Clarence's opinion the difference between Ohio and New York was: Ohio - "Trust God, Clean House, Help Others" and New York: - "Don't drink and go to meetings."

Clarence originated the practice of personal sponsorship and wrote the first pamphlet: "Sponsorship" published by New York.

Reference: www.aa.org "Pioneers in AA"

www.aacle.org/clarencesnyder
Carolyn C. Archives committee

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November Anniversaries

NAME	YR	DATE	NAME	YR	DATE	NAME	YR	DATE
5:30 Group			Pam B	29	11/18/1991	Nelly D	5	11/5/2015
Bob T	30	11/24/1990	Tom	23	11/13/1997	Ormond Beach Group		
Randy S	13	11/26/2007	Cathy P	5	11/28/2015	Nick D	4	11/21/2016
James O	11	11/7/2009	Curt J	3	11/26/2017	Will R	2	11/20/2018
Gary D	11	11/22/2009	Sherry M	1	11/24/2019	Peace of Mind		
Steve C	8	11/13/2012	Morgan D	1	11/27/2019	Ann B	44	11/17/1976
Mike H	7	11/15/2013	High Noon			Ken Z	40	11/1/1980
Sue K	4	11/7/2016	Kathy R	38	11/8/1982	Greg V	34	11/1/1986
Jeff G	1	11/25/2019	Erich E	1	11/5/2019	Bobby W	21	11/28/1999
Aloha			Hour of Power			Dan M	14	11/7/2006
Paul Z	9	11/25/2011	Frank C	33	11/27/1987	Dennis T	11	11/23/2009
Back to Basics/Deland			Joe B	14	11/12/2006	Krissy C	9	11/17/2011
Pamela G	23	11/9/1997	Dan M	13	11/1/2007	Lindsay B	7	11/15/2013
Beachside NSB			Dennis (DT) T	11	11/24/2009	CK	2	11/16/2018
Kathy R	28	11/9/1992	Scott L	8	11/12/2012	Riverbrige Group		
Tom K	8	11/17/2012	Karen M	3	11/23/2017	Stephen P	24	11/4/1996
Choice Is Yours			Mary H	3	11/29/2017	Chad B	9	11/11/2011
Don G	41	11/19/1979	Kenny B	1	1/2/2019	Barry T	9	11/25/2011
Robert D	37	11/21/1973	Erick E	1	11/5/2019	John F Gio	6	11/16/2014
Chris K	27	11/10/1993	Erica R	1	11/8/2019	Dean S	2	11/28/2018
Bobby	21	11/28/1999	Mary Lee G S	1	11/16/2019	Saturday Women's AA		
Deland Big Book Group			Lest We Forget			Colleen B	5	11/1/2015
JC J	50	11/12/1970	John W	46	11/24/1974	Wendee	1	11/14/2019
Barry O	47	11/17/1973	Pete W	43	11/24/1977	Short Timers		
Mike S	21	11/19/1999	Trisha C	17	11/22/2003	James L	22	11/20/1998
Deltona Men's Group			Jennifer C	1	11/17/2019	Sobriety First O.C.		
Paul C	27	11/17/1993	Lifesaver's Group			Wally O	11	11/19/2009
Kevin W	7	11/23/2013	Don G	41	11/16/1979	Todd M	9	11/14/2011
Donut Group			Frank C	33	11/27/1987	Sunrise Group/Deland		
Russell F	24	11/28/1996	Chuck T	26	11/1/1994	Bruce L	26	11/4/1994
Vicki C	22	11/10/1998	Ralph P	1	11/1/2019	Mike S	21	11/19/1999
Chris C	15	11/8/2005	New Dawn			Elliot M	10	11/26/2010
Jeffery R	10	11/13/2010	Bobby B	42	11/17/1978	Bob H	1	11/18/2019
Dick G	2	11/20/2018	Greg P	40	11/18/1980	Thursday Night Men's		
Early Ducks			Jacques	12	11/22/2008	Bob W	29	11/28/1991
Sally S	15	11/17/2005	Irma M	8	11/2/2012	Bill H	23	11/15/1997
George S	25	11/9/1995	Maxwell N	6	11/11/2014	Way of Life		
Ray M	1	11/1/2019	Terri C	4	11/28/2016	Mark B	29	11/13/1991
Friday Noon Men's			Leah S	4	11/15/2016	John L	28	11/6/1992
Pete W	4	11/1/1977	Betty	4	11/11/2016	Carlos L	5	11/11/2015
Bob M	27	11/2/1993	Tom P	2	12/1/2018	Shaun H	1	11/5/2019
Good Day Group			Vera M	1	11/11/2019	Raymond A	1	11/8/2019
Mike M	3	11/23/2017	New Hope Group			Wednesday Women's Group		
Ron L	1	11/12/2019	Gary B	15	11/7/2005	Jodi H	30	11/28/1990
Keith L	1	11/16/2019	New Smyrna Beach Group			Candace S	1	11/30/2019
Sarah G	1	11/30/2019	Charlie T	14	11/30/2006	Women's New Beginnings		
Grateful Group/OC			Mark R	13	11/23/2007	Jackie	26	11/8/1994
Damon	2	11/5/2018	Orange City Step Meeting			Amelia	10	11/20/2010
Happy Hour/DB			Bruce L	26	11/4/1994	Theresa	9	11/17/2011
Bob P	37	11/24/1983	Dana M	8	11/9/2012			

Anniversaries Submission Deadline: The 15th of the previous month. Please bring or mail your group's anniversaries to the intergroup office, or email them to: admin@aadaytona.org

Correction to last month anniversaries: Riverbridge Group – Jim and Randi 17 years...should read 27 years

Who? Me?

From the September 1949 magazine

TWO of us were answering a 12th Step call. We pushed the bell and the door opened to reveal a sorry looking man peering at us through red-rimmed, bloodshot eyes. He was extremely nervous, but very polite. We said we were from A.A. and he invited us in but the perspiration was dripping off him even though it was a cool evening. We figured this lad was ready to settle for almost anything.

Imagine our surprise when, as soon as we found chairs in the living room, our hangdog host said, "Of course, you know, I didn't call A.A. for *myself!* (Heavens, *no!*) "It's about my - er - my - uncle!" Joe and I looked at each other but said, "Of course, of course - your *uncle!*"

So for two hours we sat there talking about "poor Uncle Louie." During that time our host excused himself three times, went to the back of the house, and returned smelling to high heaven of whiskey and coffee grounds. Poor "Uncle Louie"!

As we were leaving, my pal Joey turned to our new friend--said he'd heard a pretty good story that afternoon.

"Seems this guy showed up at a psychiatrist's office," said Joe. "He had two strips of bacon, very crisp, sticking out from under his hat, one on each side, like elaborate sideburns. As he sat down alongside the doctor's desk he removed his hat and there, in the exact center of his head, was a beautiful fried egg. The psychiatrist pretended he didn't notice and asked, "What can I do for *you?*" Whereupon the big egg-and-bacon man said, Oh no, Doctor, not *me!* I came to talk about my *brother!*"

Then Joe and I said, "Good night!"

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Steering Committee Election Results

Chair: Bob B

Vice Chair: Gwenn B.

Trustee (2 year position): Jim O.

Treasurer: No nominations. - This position is tabled until next month.

Intergroup needs an office volunteer for Thursday afternoon's from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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Grapevine Daily Quote
August 4, 2020

"Absolute humility would consist of a state of complete freedom from myself, freedom from all the claims that my defects of character now lay so heavily upon me. Perfect humility would be a full willingness, in all times and places, to find and to do the will of God."

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., June 1961, "Humility for Today", The Language of the Heart

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A Hard Road Taken



Even though I've been in and out of the rooms of A.A. for over 20 years, I am still a newcomer to "real recovery". I was one of those who would get into trouble, either in my personal life or with the legal system and run to rehab facilities or A.A. meetings. I would show for meetings just as they started and bolt as soon as they ended. I never talked to anyone or shared in meetings. I avoided asking for help. I had a façade of self-confidence, like... "I got this".

I had to learn the hard way, that I needed help. It was so simple; all I had to do was ask, but if you are like me, asking for help is the hardest thing to do. I now know that it was fear and ego that held me back from asking for the help that I so desperately needed.

I saw how unfounded my fears were once I finally worked up the courage to get a sponsor and ask someone for help. Only then did I realize that we are not only helping ourselves, but we are also helping the person who is helping us. This is the spirit of the saying

"in order to keep what we have we must give it away". I now see how experienced A.A. members benefit by helping the newcomer. I am sharing this with the hope that it will save someone the extra years of anguish that I endured to get to the point where I am in my recovery. Just because I didn't get it for several years doesn't mean that others must go through the extra years of pain and suffering. I pray that those like me, who have been in and out of the rooms, will give the program an earnest chance, gain the courage to seek sponsorship, and honestly work the Steps. I cannot share enough how much relief I feel since starting this journey with my sponsor and developing a relationship with the God of my understanding. Today, I am no longer bound by the chains of my alcoholism; my life is free of loneliness, self-pity, and despair. I am happy and content in my own skin, and I am gaining more and more self-esteem as I develop my "spiritual toolkit". As I continue to work the program of Alcoholics Anonymous and apply the principles to my daily life, the more blessings I experience.

Jennifer M.
Edgewater

September 2020 Volusia County Intergroup Donations

Group & District Donations: \$2,050.42

Anniversaries Donations: \$63.00

Anonymous Donations: \$ 67.00

7th Tradition Donations: \$ 34.00

In Memory of: \$50.00 John Regan

Friday Noon Men's, Daytona

Total: \$2,201.42

thank
you!

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DISTRICT NEWS

Monthly District Meetings:

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

District 19: 4th Monday - 6:30 pm, First Cong. Church
(Fellowship Hall), 201 W. University, Orange City

District 20: 3rd Sunday - 7:00 pm, United Church of
Christ, 203 Washington St., New Smyrna Beach

District 21: 2nd Tuesday - 6:30 pm, St. James Episcopal
Church, 38 S. Halifax Drive, Ormond Beach

District 32: 1st Monday - 6:00 pm, Grace Lutheran
Church, 338 Ocean Shore Blvd., Ormond Beach

Want to know what's happening in your District?
All A.A. members are welcome to attend their District
meetings listed above & **get involved!**

Committee Reports from p.2

The Website Administrator: The site had 14,305-page views with avg. session time of 2:20 on the site. This was more than last month. Hugh also updated the website with new info, meeting changes, and added some events. Bambi assisted Hugh in updating meetings. Hugh also updated plug-ins and events. Hugh P:

Phone Army/12 Step Coordinator: There were 25 phone calls in the month of June. No visits. Roy reports things are getting back to normal and will be able to get into treatment centers, hospitals, etc.

– Roy S:

Special Events Coordinator: Still looking for a Special Events Coordinator. As of October there are no events planned.

High 'n Dry Editor: Editor's email
editor@aadaytona.org

Changes to the Meeting List

Alcoholics and God

New meeting location

Orange City United Methodist Church
Youth Hall

396 E University Ave
Orange City, FL 32763

Wednesdays 7 p.m.

and

Saturdays 8 a.m.

No more Zoom meeting.

Go to <http://aadaytona.org/updates/>
for the latest reports on meeting status

Step 11

“Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.”

Tradition 11

“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.”

Concept 11

“The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.”

Historical Tidbits



November 1:

1947 - 1st AA Group in Anchorage, Alaska

November 1:

1963 - Reverend Sam Shoemaker dies

November 3:

2001 - J.P. Miller, wrote screenplay for "The Days of Wine and Roses" died

November 9:

1966 - President Johnson appoints Marty M to the 1st National Advisory Committee on Alcoholism

November 10:

1940 - 1st AA group formed in Minneapolis

November 10:

2001 - 1st of 400,000 4th Edition Big Books arrives in the mail

November 11:

1934 - Bill W's final drunk begins on Veterans Day and lasts about a month

November 12:

1940 - 1st AA meeting is held in Boston

November 13:

1939 - Bill wants to go back to work, NY drunks want him to stay on as head of the movement
November 13, 1939

November 14:

1940 - Alcoholic Foundation publishes 1st AA Bulletin

November 15:

1949 - Bill W suggests that groups devote Thanksgiving week to discussions of the 12 Traditions

November 16:

1950 - Dr. Bob S dies in Akron, Ohio

November 18

1946 - 1st Dublin Ireland group met.

November 21:

1939 - AA's in San Francisco hold 1st California AA meeting in the Clift Hotel -

November 21:

1952 - Willard Richardson, past Treasurer/Chairman of Alcoholic Foundation, dies

November 26:

1895 - William Griffith W. born, East Dorset, VT

1939 - Hank P writes Bill advocating autonomy for all AA groups

1939 - Dilworth Lupton gave sermon "Mr. X and Alcoholics Anonymous". Became one of first pamphlets on AA.

November 28

1934 - Ebby T. carries message to Bill.

1936 - Fitz M leaves Towns Hospital to become 'AA #3 in NY', with Bill W and Hank P.

1937 - Bill and Dr. Bob compare notes in Akron. Count forty cases staying sober. Meeting of the Akron Group to consider Bill's ideas for how to expand the movement ... a book, AA hospitals, paid missionaries. Passed by a majority of 2.

1939 - Akron group withdrawals from association with Oxford

Group. Meetings moved from T Henry & Clarence Williams to Dr Bob and other members homes.

1939 - Hank P writes Bill advocating autonomy for all AA groups.

1943 - Bill guest speaker San Quentin Penitentiary. (sometimes dated Dec 2, 1943)

Other significant events in **November** for which we have no specific date:

1936 - Fitz M leaves Towns Hospital to become AA #3 in NY with Bill W and Hank P.

1941 - "First Mass AA Meeting" in Oklahoma City, 8 present, 1 was drunk

1945 - Bill's article called 'Those Goof Balls' published in Grapevine.

1986 - The Big Book is published in paperback