

HIGH 'N DRY



April 2020

Volusia County Intergroup Services

Districts 8, 19, 20, 21 and 32

Coastal Centre

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Nat'l Honesty Day

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

A Marine Gives Thanks

From the January 1946 Grapevine

Mail Call for All AAs at Home or Abroad

A Marine Gives Thanks

(The following excerpt is from a letter from a Marine sergeant now in Japan.)

Don't let anyone ever tell you that honest, sincere prayer doesn't pay its rewards. Just after getting in the service I was asked if I thought I'd ever take a drink. From way back in my head I pulled out this one (and at the time probably meant it)--"Perhaps if my life is in danger, if I think I am about to die, I might take a drink."

At Ie Shima, for over two solid months planes roared overhead both day and night, raining death and destruction on us below. Many of my buddies died and others were wounded, some for life. We were constantly

on our guard for airborne Nips who were landing on nearby fields--more than once they were headed our way and turned back by night fighters. We were waiting for their frontal suicide attack.

I never knew when my number might be up. However, I didn't drink and what's more, when I would crouch in my foxhole, feeling the ground shake with concussion hearing the roar of diving enemy planes and the din of our own ack-ack and knowing only too well the dangers of shrapnel and falling flack, my insides would have a contented feeling and I would thank God for giving me those months of sobriety and ask Him to give me the power to continue along those ways if He saw fit to have me see that night out.

I continue to give thanks and pray each day, not only for myself, but for all A.A.s.

Dick F. M., Sgt., USMCR
Japan

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1,834 Total
Years of
Sobriety This
month

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



The March Intergroup Representative's Meeting was canceled

Grapevine Quote
February 12, 2020

“Faith is never a necessity for AA membership ... sobriety can be achieved with an easily acceptable minimum of it ... our concepts of a higher power and God as we understand him afford everyone a nearly unlimited choice of spiritual belief and action.”

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., April 1961, “God As We Understand Him: The Dilemma of No Faith,” The Language of the Heart

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The Volusia County
Intergroup Office
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Volunteers



Volusia County Intergroup

Open:

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.

(See the top of page one in this High 'n Dry for contact information)



Special Thanks to the following Home Groups for their contributions

Back to Basics-Deland

Friday Noon Men's

Lest We Forget

New Dawn

Primary Purpose

Way of Life

Westminster

Two checks without group name



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

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

Office Coordinator - We had 54 calls and 248 visits to Intergroup in February. Intergroup had a table at the Old Timer's Dinner and made \$200 from that. The dinner was a great success. Margaret K.

Archives Report - The film AA Comes to Florida was shown at the Old -timers Dinner and was well received, as was the Archives display. Joan O., a new volunteer, is working on transcribing interviews as well as scanning. We are happy to have her help. Carolyn C.

Website Administrator - "Google My Biz" reports 3,801 searches found Volusia County Intergroup with them since last month, with 201 visits and 29 calls. "Google Analytics" reports ,728 visitors to the website since 2/19 (3 weeks) when the webmaster needed to reset the tracking codes. Hugh P.

See "Committee Reports", p. 7

From the Archives

Harry Tiebout, M.D. and Alcoholics Anonymous

Harry Tiebout, M.D.

I found this in *Markings* the archives interchange published by GSO Winter 2014. https://www.aa.org/newsletters/en_US/f-151-markings_winter-2014.pdf

Harry Tiebout was born on January 2, 1986 in Brooklyn N.Y. and earned his degree from John Hopkins University School of Medicine. In 1935, as medical director of Blythewood Sanitarium in Greenwich, Connecticut he was exposed to A.A. and in early 1939 he received a prepublication copy of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. Reading it he thought to give the book (preprint) to Marty M. At first she rejected the book and its mention of God but continued to read it at Dr. Tiebout suggestion. Marty achieved sobriety which helped Tiebout appreciate the merits of the program which he supported. Dr. Tiebout was the first psychiatrist to endorse the A.A. program and refer patients to the fellowship. Dr. Tiebout also purchased stock in the Alcoholic Foundation to help finance the group when they were low on funds. Bill W. experienced depression in the 1940's and received psychiatric treatment from Dr. Tiebout. In 1944, Dr. Tiebout published an article in *The American Journal of Psychiatry* "Therapeutic Mechanism of Alcoholics Anonymous". The article explained A.A. to the scientific and medical communities. It emphasized ego reduction, surrender and religious awakening as key concepts.

Due in part to Dr. Tiebout's influence, Bill W. was able to present talks to New York

State Medical Society in 1944 and American Psychiatric Association in 1949.

Dr. Tiebout served as a Class A (nonalcoholic trustee) from 1957 to 1966. At the 1955 International Convention in St. Louis, Dr. Tiebout spoke on the subject of A.A. and the Medical profession.

Dr. Tiebout credited A.A. with addressing alcoholism directly as a problem in and of itself and not as an indicator of a deeper disorder.

Bill W. wrote a memorial article in *Grapevine* (July 1966) calling him a "well-beloved friend... his gifts of courageous example, deep perception of our needs, and constant labor in our behalf has been – and always will be – values quite beyond our reckoning."

Archives, Jim B.

In the same issue of *Markings* there is a notation about Florence R. who was among the first women to get sober in A.A. (Above is Marty M. also early in A.A.). Florence wrote her story for the first edition "A Feminine Victory." Florence died in April 1943. The *Markings* article described how they found her gravesite (via her maiden name). There is a letter in archives that mentions Florence "in love with a hellion 15 years younger than she who feeds her beer – so says her landlady." The letter concerning Florence's slip is "hearsay" and archives stated they were searching for more documentation.

Editor's Disclaimer: This newsletter communicates the thoughts and feelings of its editor and contributors and reflects A.A. experience with recovery, unity and service. Articles are not intended as statements of A.A. policy. Publication does not imply endorsement by either A.A. or this newsletter. Articles are invited, but the editor reserves the privilege of accepting, rejecting or editing all submissions. Articles may be submitted in writing to the editor. Contact the editor for more information at editor@aadaytona.org. The editor welcomes your contributions, comments, suggestions and feedback. If you interested in working on the High 'n Drv. please contact the editor to get involved!

April Anniversaries 2020

NAME	YR	DATE	NAME	YR	DATE	NAME	YR	DATE
5:30 Group			Hour of Power			Saturday Women's AA		
Chris A	33	4/5/1987	Jim G	22	4/15/1998	Debbie B	35	4/23/1985
Paul J	19	4/4/2001	Eric M	5	4/28/2015	Susan L	33	4/30/1987
Mike M	10	4/27/2010	Brandy W	3	4/14/2017	Short Timers		
Glenn C	1	4/5/2019	Roy S	2	4/8/2018	Matthew Pender	3	4/20/2017
Courtney C	1	5/17/2019	Lest We Forget			Steps For Life		
Chad P	1	4/29/2019	Barb W	34	4/25/1986	Jean M	31	4/1/1989
Back To Basics/Deland			Phil B	15	4/16/2005	Stacy B	2	4/29/2018
Tyrone T	29	4/10/1991	Lifesavers			Amanda F	1	4/4/2019
Jen L	2	4/7/2018	Tom D	45	4/22/1975	Sunrise Group-Holly Hill		
Ted E	2	5/11/2018	Joe B	5	4/10/2015	Jo	36	4/15/1984
Beachside NSB			Never Had It So Good			Bruce O	29	4/15/1984
Dustin M	14	4/12/2006	Betsy S	39	4/10/1981	Sunrise Group Deland		
Kimberly V	2	4/16/2018	Ed D	23	8/12/1997	Doc	31	1989
Donut Group			Richard K	18	4/15/2002	Tyrone T	29	4/10/1991
Tom	45	4/25/1975	Dona S	5	4/14/2015	Dan L	18	4/8/2002
Roger V	30	4/30/1990	New Dawn Group			Glen P	13	4/14/2007
Heather L	26	4/18/1994	Esta Peyton	35	4/7/1985	Darlene N	13	4/25/2007
Kathe F	38	3/11/1982	Sarah L	2	4/11/2018	Joe G	10	4/3/2010
Deltona Men's Group			Paula S	2	4/28/2018	Marty H	10	4/16/2010
Dan L	18	4/8/2002	New Smyrna Beach			Way of Life		
Larry K	8	4/14/2012	Eileen M	16	4/4/2004	Tom N	45	4/25/1975
Early Ducks			Noon Group/Deland			Ida T	38	4/12/1982
Fritz J	40	4/26/1980	Tyrone T	29	4/10/1991	Jonna M	5	4/26/2015
Mike B	15	4/4/2005	Mike A	2	5/15/2018	Chris H	3	4/16/2017
Bonnie Z	10	4/23/2010	Ormond Beach Group			Kathleen P	3	4/23/2017
Teffanie W	10	4/8/2010	Wayne B	22	4/22/1998	Mike A	1	4/14/2019
Eric V	5	4/21/2015	Pass It On - Victor E			Wednesday Women's		
Free To Be			Mel	44	1976	Rosemary M	30	9/12/1990
Pam C	17	4/12/2003	Connie C	19	2001	Phyllis E	28	4/12/1992
Mark R	2	4/20/2018	Chris Y	2	2018	Virginia M	27	4/27/1993
Grateful Group			Jason	2	2018	Women's Book Study		
Wendy F	6	4/2/2014	Peace of Mind			Christie K	11	4/28/2009
Had Enough			Ed D	33	4/12/1987	Lynn F	10	4/18/2010
Mariah	23	4/15/1997	Merrick J	32	4/3/1988	Cherry N	1	4/9/2019
Cindy C	2	4/14/2018	Dustin M	14	4/12/2006	YOLO		
High Noon			Bill M	1	4/23/2019	Dustin B	32	4/18/1988
Tom C	9	4/30/2011	Road to Recovery-Osteen			Michael S	20	4/17/2000
			Beth K	27	4/1/1993			

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

Editorial: On the 4th Tradition

From the March 1948 magazine

"With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of The Alcoholic Foundation. On such issues our common welfare is paramount."

This Tradition, Number 4, is a specific application of general principles already outlined in Traditions 1 and 2. Tradition 1 states, *"Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward."* Tradition 2 states, *"For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority--a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience."*

With these concepts in mind, let us look more closely at Tradition 4. The first sentence of Tradition 4 guarantees each A.A. group local autonomy. With respect to its own affairs, the group may make any decisions, adopt any attitudes that it likes. No over-all or intergroup authority should challenge this primary privilege. We feel this ought to be so, even though the group might sometimes act with complete indifference to our tradition. For example, an A.A. group could, if it wished, hire a paid preacher and support him out of the proceeds of a group night club. Though such an absurd procedure would be miles outside our tradition, the group's "right to be wrong" would be held inviolate. We are sure that each

group can be granted, and safely granted, these most extreme privileges. We know that our familiar process of trial and error would summarily eliminate both the preacher and the night club. Those severe growing pains which invariably follow any radical departure from A.A. tradition can be absolutely relied upon to bring an erring group back into line. An A.A. group need not be coerced by any human government over and above its own members. Their own experience, plus A.A. opinion in surrounding groups, plus God's prompting in their group conscience would be sufficient. Much travail has already taught us this. Hence we may confidently say to each group, "You should be responsible to no other authority than your own conscience."

Yet please note one important qualification. It will be seen that such extreme liberty of thought and action applies only to the group's own affairs. Rightly enough, this Tradition goes on to say, *"But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, these groups ought to be consulted."* Obviously, if any individual, group or regional committee could take an action which might seriously affect the welfare of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole, or seriously disturb surrounding groups, that would not be liberty at all. It would be sheer license; it would be anarchy, not democracy.

Therefore, we A.A.s have universally adopted the principle of consultation. This means that if a single A.A. group wishes to take any action which might affect surrounding groups, it consults them. Or, if there be one, it confers with the intergroup committee for the area. Likewise, if a group or regional committee wishes to take any action that might

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GSO Contributions:
General Services Office
Grand Central Station,
P.O. Box 459
New York, NY 10163

Area Contributions:
NFAC treasurer
P.O. Box 10094
Jacksonville, FL 32247

Intergroup Contributions:
Volusia County Intergroup
Coastal Centre
1635 S. Ridgewood Suite 107
South Daytona, FL 32119

"Editorial" from p. 5

affect A.A. as a whole, it consults the trustees of The Alcoholic Foundation, who are, in effect, our over-all General Service Committee. For instance, no group or intergroup could feel free to initiate, without consultation, any publicity that might affect A.A. as a whole. Nor could it assume to represent the whole of Alcoholics Anonymous by printing and distributing anything purporting to be A.A. standard literature. This same principle would naturally apply to all similar situations. Though there is no formal compulsion to do so, all undertakings of this general character are customarily checked with our A.A. General Headquarters.

This idea is clearly summarized in the last sentence of Tradition 4, which observes, "*On such issues our common welfare is paramount.*"

-- Bill W.

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This Month in A.A. History

April 1:

1939 - *Alcoholics Anonymous* AA's Big Book was published.

1966 - Sister Ignatia died at the age of 77. She worked with Dr. Bob in treating many early AA members at St. Thomas Hospital in Akron.

1970: GSO moved to 468 Park Ave. South, NYC.

April 2

1966: Harry Tiebout, M.D. died.

April 3:

1941 - First Florida AA meeting was held.

1960: Fr. Ed Dowling, S.J., died. He was Bill W's "spiritual sponsor."

April 7:

1941 - Ruth Hock reported there were 1,500 letters asking for help, as a result of the Saturday Evening Post Article by Jack Alexander.

April 10:

1939 - The first ten copies of the Big Book arrived at the office Bill shared with Hank Parkhurst in Newark, New Jersey.

April 11:

1938 - Alcoholic Foundation held its first meeting.

1939 - Marty Mann attended her first meeting at the home of Bill and Lois Wilson in Brooklyn.

1941 - Bill and Lois Wilson moved into their new home, Stepping Stones.

Group & District Donations: \$877.63

Anniversaries Donations: \$0

Anonymous Donations: \$ 0

7th Tradition Donations: \$43.00

In Memory of: \$0

Total: \$920.63

thank
you!

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” cont’d from p 2

Phone Army/12 Step Coordinator - 26 calls in February and 3 hospital/rehab visits. Roy S

H & I Report - Great turnout at the new county jail training in February. We are already taking names for the county jail and separately for prison trainings coming up. Old Grapevines are needed in the jails. Please send them to Intergroup, attention Tim H&I or bring them to the H&I meeting on the first Thursday of each month. Tim D.

Editor – Working on sending the “High ‘n Dry and announcements to members through the email. Tom L

Editor's email - editor@adaytona.org

If you would like to receive the High ‘n Dry in your email, then send your name, email address and group name to:

editor@adaytona.org

Changes To The Meeting List

Three Discontinued

First Things First

Tuesday 7:15 am

Ormond Beach They will continue to have the Thursday and Friday 7:15 am.

Back to Basics

Sunday 8 pm

Mike Fine Hall,

527 N. Ridgewood Ave., Daytona

and

Tomoka Group

Saturday 8 pm

Lighthouse Christian Presbyterian Church

Granada Avenue

Ormond Beach

New

Wednesday Women's

Closed Noon Meditation Meeting

Central Baptist Church

142 Fairview Ave.

Daytona Beach

12:00 Tuesdays

Sunday Funday!!!

Women's Step Study

Sundays 3:00pm

- Central Baptist Church
- **152 Fairview Ave**
- in the building behind the sanctuary (next to the playground)
- Nursery available for kids and babies
 - Bring your 12&12 and a pen!

Looking for childcare volunteers! Contact Mackenzie 386-631-3323

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.”



Upcoming Events

District 8 Presents 7th Annual Spring Picnic

April 26
Noon - 3 pm
919 Reed Canal Road
S Daytona
\$5.00

Please see flyer for details

District 20 Picnic,

May 2
11 am – 3 pm
Pettis Park, NSB
800 Mary Ave., New Smyrna Beach

Please see flyer for details

Sisters by the Sea

June 19, 20, 21
Conference for AA & Al-anon Women
Hilton – 5111 Tamiami Trail, Naples, Florida

64th Florida State Convention

August 6 - -9
Register online
Hyatt Regency
Jacksonville, Florida

Please see flyer for details

4th Annual

Unity Under the Stars Campout

Originally scheduled for March 27-29 has
been postponed until October.
Further details as they come in.



Mail Call for A.A.s at Home and Abroad *From the July 1949 Grapevine*

WE were slightly surprised recently when two rather new A.A.s wanted to know what the speakers meant at a recent group meeting in referring to "hitting bottom." I am writing the majority opinion of my unit. The A.A. speaking of hitting bottom generally means his or her life became so unmanageable from use of alcohol that life according to (at least) their standards was unlivable. No A.A. now living the Program has really hit bottom. Bottom is death or incurable insanity. In most large A.A. groups are men at one time denizens of Skid Row. Others have required confinement in mental institutions. Few of the older members in A.A. can boast of no jail sentences. A rather dark picture, one no doubt the sufferers deemed at the time absolute bottom. One thing all had in common--the humility to admit powerlessness over alcohol and a desire to have God as we understand him remove our shortcomings.

-- S.D.
Sugar Creek, Missouri

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