

HIGH 'N DRY



March 2020

Volusia County Intergroup Services

Districts 8, 19, 20, 21 and 32

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."



Heard it Through the Grapevine – Editor's Editorial: On the Third Tradition - February 1948 Grapevine

This article is an editorial by Bill W. on the 3rd Tradition that was published in the February 1948 Grapevine

"Our membership ought to include all who suffer alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation."

This is a sweeping statement indeed; it takes in a lot of territory. Some people might think it too idealistic to be practical. It tells every alcoholic in the world that he may become, and remain, a member of Alcoholics Anonymous so long as he says so. In short, Alcoholics Anonymous has no membership rule.

Why is this so? Our answer is simple and practical. Even in self-protection, we do not wish to erect the slightest barrier between ourselves and the brother alcoholic who still suffers. We know that society has been demanding that he conform to its laws and conventions. But the essence of his alcoholic malady is the fact that he has been unable or unwilling to conform either to the laws of man or God. If he is anything, the sick alcoholic is a rebellious nonconformist. How well we understand that; every member of Alcoholics Anonymous was once a rebel himself. Hence we cannot offer to meet him at any half-way mark. We must enter the dark cave where he is and show him that we understand. We realize that he is altogether too weak and confused to jump hurdles. If we raise obstacles, he might stay away and perish. He might be denied his priceless opportunity.

So when he asks, "Are there any conditions?" we joyfully reply, "No, not a one." When skeptically he comes back saying, "But certainly there must be things that I have to do and believe,"

See p. 5, Editorial

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1,990 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



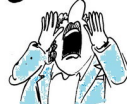
Groups represented at the Intergroup Representative's February 2020 Meeting:

Groups represented at the IGR meeting on 2/20/2020:

5:30 Group
Back to Basics/Deland
Easy Does It Club
Happy Hour
High Noon
Hour of Power
How It Works
Lest We Forget
New Dawn
New Smyrna Beach Group
Road to Recovery/Osteen
Sand & Sea
Saturday Women's AA
Sunrise Group/Deland
Wednesday Women's

The Volusia County
Intergroup Office
Wants You

Volunteer



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

New books from

**Grapevine: "Happy, Joyous
& Free" and "In Our Own
Words"**

**New book cover: Cover for
Large Print Big Book**

**New Mug: Each Day A New
Beginning**



Any Lengths Deltona
Back To Basics, DeLand
Basic Text
Deland Big Book Study
Early Ducks
Four Townes
Had Enough
Happy Hour - DB
Holly Hill Book Study
Hour of Power NSB
Just Do It
Lest We Forget
New Dawn
New Smyrna Beach
Noon Reflections
Pass It On - Victor E
Road to Recovery - DB
Sobriety First
Sunday Morning Sober
Wednesday Women's
Westminster By-The-Sea
Women's Book Study
YOLO

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

Office Coordinator - We had 255 Visits and 38 calls at Intergroup. Intergroup still has 24 tickets for the Old Timer's dinner. Intergroup will have a table with merchandise for sale at dinner. Margaret K

Archives Report – Joan O, new volunteer will be doing transcription & scanning and possibly some old-timer interviews. Plan to show "AA Comes to Florida film" at Old Timer's Dinner. We are still working on the policy manual. Carolyn C.

The Website Designer – Meetings, Security, & Program and on the website. ~Hugh P.

Phone Army/12 Step Coordinator – 37 calls in January and 2 visits to rehab. Roy O

Editor's Report – Still working on contacts, Tom will be out of town for March but will still put out the issue while away. **Editor's email:** editor@aadaytona.org

From the Archives

William James

I found this in *Markings*, the archives interchange, fall 2013.

– Jim B

https://www.aa.org/newsletters/en_US/f-151-markings_fall-2013.pdf

William James was born in 1842 and died in 1910. William James earned a medical degree from Harvard University in 1869. His book *Principles of Psychology* (1890) served as a standard textbook for some time. In A.A. William James is best known for his book *Varieties of Religious Experience* which was published in 1902 and is a collection of talks at the “Gifford Lectures on Natural Theology” in Edinburgh Scotland. The main thesis is that religious experiences occur to single individuals, have objective value, and offer evidence for the existence of God.

The most important aspect of the religious experience was the effect it had on an individual. After the religious experiences individuals report feelings of confidence, peace, contentment, and less fear.

Bill W. noticed while reading *Varieties of Religious Experience* that prior to the religious experience individuals reported reduction in ego usually due to overwhelming difficulty in their life and hence were willing to seek help even from an unseen Higher Power. This correlates to steps 1-3.

William James was not interested in the theology or dogma but in the relationship between the individual and what they considered to be divine (AKA higher power) which A.A. would adopt as “God as we

understood Him.” *Varieties of Religious Experience* played a role in validating Bill W.’s spiritual experience and helped Bill realize that deflating the ego of an alcoholic was a basic part in bringing a change in their life.

Bit more from *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*. Page 64: I think it was Ebby who brought me [Bill W.] a copy of *Varieties of Religious Experience*. “Deflation at depth – yes that was *it*. That was what happened to me [Bill W.] ... When Ebby came along and one alcoholic began to talk to another alcoholic, that clinched it. My thoughts began to race as I envisioned a chain reaction among alcoholics, on carrying this message to the next. More than I could ever want anything else, I knew I wanted to work with other alcoholics.”

Archives, Jim B

Additional Overseas Notes

From the August 1944 Grapevine

From one of our two-man Group on a South Pacific Island:

"G. and myself have a wonderful time together. To meet one of the boys in a place like this is really out of the world. He has a job which is very harassing and he takes it right in his stride. His attitude is a fine example. . . . I have met lots of people in my travels but give me the understanding, tolerant group of people I left at 24th Street."

-- John

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March Anniversaries

NAME	YR	DATE	NAME	YR	DATE	NAME	YR	DATE
Aloha			Meghan S	3	3/13/2017	Ormond Beach Group		
Ed S	53	3/17/1969	Nick S	2	3/6/2018	Maria S	32	3/13/1988
Any Lengths			Laurice	2	3/7/2018	Matt J	3	3/10/2017
Jim N	34	3/13/1986	Josh	2	3/9/2018	Pass It On - Victor E		
Beachside NSB			Homer T	2	3/10/2018	Buddy B	23	3/27/1997
Debbie M	35	3/10/1985	Henry H	1	3/25/2019	Gary D	15	3/2/2005
Jane L	14	3/13/2006	High Noon			Peace of Mind		
Choice is Yours			Cynthia H	24	3/17/1996	Laurie	22	3/8/1998
Dave B	43	3/21/1977	Leanne D	2	3/23/2018	Hank B	21	3/3/1999
Doug/Boston	36	3/23/1984	Hour of Power			Kathleen W	11	3/25/2009
Mike C	13	3/7/2007	Susan S	40	3/20/1980	Forest L	5	3/17/2015
Deltona Men's Group			Pat McD	32	3/18/1988	Gary W	2	3/13/2018
Russell B	6	3/11/2014	Chris W	24	3/16/1996	Primary Purpose		
Four Townes			Nancy L	11	3/31/2009	Marilyn S	49	3/17/1971
John C	33	3/22/1987	Debby H	10	3/11/2010	Saturday Women's AA		
John P	30	3/18/1990	Lori P	9	3/14/2011	Joy T	10	3/1/2010
Mike B	20	3/15/2000	Steve D	7	3/26/2013	Ciara R	2	3/5/2018
David D	5	3/18/2015	Brian F	3	3/11/2017	Sisters in Sobriety		
Rick N	1	3/5/2019	Rose S	2	3/27/2018	Robyn	31	3/1/1989
Free To Be			Joseph W	2	3/27/2018	Kim H	1	3/1/2019
Bert D	54	3/21/1966	Nick B	1	3/6/2019	Sunrise Group-Deland		
Pat I	34	3/10/1986	Lifesavers			David H	11	3/9/2009
Charley I	33	3/28/1987	Cynthia H	24	3/17/1996	Bernard C	10	3/2/2010
Marti S	18	3/17/2002	Dave B	2	3/26/2018	Dan H	3	3/27/2017
Clay S	14	3/26/2006	Miracle Group			Tania C	1	3/26/2019
Kathy S	3	3/15/2017	Mike C	13	3/7/2007	Sunrise Group-Holly Hill		
Carolyn R	2	3/28/2019	New Dawn Group			Mark K	29	3/12/1991
Friday Noon Men's			Darryl H	40	3/16/1980	Way of Life		
Gus B	39	3/14/1981	Mich. Mike	38	3/15/1982	Tom K	43	3/17/1977
Mike C	18	3/8/2002	Koralee S	35	3/25/1985	Harold P	23	3/31/1997
Ken B	2	3/2/2018	Sue D	31	3/9/1989	Lynn R	19	3/21/2001
Brian W	2	3/2/2018	Donita S	10	3/20/2010	Bill R	19	3/25/2001
Friday Sobriety			Don M	8	3/10/2012	Todd C	3	3/15/2017
Vic C	36	3/4/1984	Mike B	2	3/12/2018	Wednesday Women's		
David D	1	3/1/2019	Kim R	1	3/18/2019	Sandy S	37	3/20/1983
Good Day Group			New Smyrna Beach			Eileen S	36	3/6/1984
Tom K	43	3/17/1977	Bruce J	31	3/17/1989	Bonnie V	33	3/29/1987
Rachel O	12	3/25/2008	Noon Group/Deland			Marti S	18	3/17/2002
Laurice	2	3/7/2018	Dave M	43	3/14/1977	Pat K	5	3/15/2015
Sue M	2	3/18/2018	Marion B	39	3/16/1981	We're Working On It		
Grateful Group			Mark G	31	3/10/1989	Nate N	2	3/22/2018
Dora M	42	3/23/1978	Thomas L	4	3/19/2016	Josh T	2	3/28/2018
Phyllis F	35	3/14/1985	Veronica K	1	3/26/2019	Women's Book Study		
Happy Hour/Daytona			Jeremiah C	1	3/28/2019	Kathy G	14	3/20/2006
Tom	43	3/17/1977	Meagan G	1	3/28/2019	Linda B	9	3/18/2011
Kathe F	37	3/11/1983	Open to Change			Ashley G	4	3/18/2016
Benney B	31	3/10/1989	Mike Z	28	3/3/1992	Hannah S	1	3/18/2019
Adam W	12	3/18/2008	Tom C	26	3/7/1994	Stephanie W	1	3/28/2019
Pascale E	11	3/31/2009	Lisa O	6	3/3/2014	YOLO		
Chris	6	3/28/2014	Darlene D	2	3/4/2018	Dave G	33	3/13/1987
Mikey W	5	3/9/2015	Becky M	1	3/2/2019	Mike C	13	3/3/2007
Mike M	3	3/10/2017	Christopher W	1	3/7/2019			
			Jason F	1	3/27/2019			

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 from P. 1

We quickly answer, "In Alcoholics Anonymous there are no *musts*." Cynically, perhaps, he then inquires, "What is this all going to cost me?" We are able to laugh and say, "Nothing at all, there are no fees and dues." Thus, in a brief hour, is our friend disarmed of his suspicion and rebellion. His eyes begin to open on a new world of friendship and understanding. Bankrupt idealist that he has been, his ideal is no longer a dream. After years of lonely search it now stands revealed. The reality of Alcoholics Anonymous bursts upon him. For Alcoholics Anonymous is saying, "We have something priceless to give, if only you will receive." That is all. But to our new friend, it is everything. Without more ado, he becomes one of us.

Our membership tradition does contain, however, one vitally important qualification. That qualification relates to the use of our name, Alcoholics Anonymous. We believe that any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation. Here our purpose is clear and unequivocal. For obvious reasons we wish the name Alcoholics Anonymous to be used only in connection with straight A.A. activities. One can think of no A.A. member who would like, for example, to see the formation of "dry" A.A. groups, "wet" A.A. groups, Republican A.A. groups, Communist A.A. groups. Few, if any, would wish our groups to be designated by religious denominations. We cannot lend the A.A. name, even indirectly to other activities, however worthy. If we do so we shall become hopelessly compromised and divided. We think that A.A. should offer its experience to the whole world for whatever use can be made of it; but not its name. Nothing could be more certain.

Let us of A.A. therefore resolve that we shall always be inclusive, and never exclusive, offering all we have to all men save our title. May all barriers be thus leveled, may our unity thus be preserved. And may God grant us a long life --and a useful one!

-- Bill W.

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By Our Attitudes

From the January 1950 magazine

A LITTLE clock in a jeweler's window stopped one morning at 20 minutes past eight. School children, noticing the time, stopped to play. People on their way to the train stopped to chat a little longer and all were late because one little clock had stopped. Never had these people realized how much they had depended on that clock in the jeweler's window until the day it failed them and led them all astray.

We AAs are very much like that clock. Day after day there are those who are looking to us for guidance and direction on the way of life. If our AA life is functioning properly, we are faithful guides to all who observe us. But if something has gone wrong with our AA way of life, we are stopped clocks, and unfortunate indeed is the man who permits himself to be misled by our example. We who have been helped by AA are as letters of God addressed to our friends and fellow men. By our attitudes, our speech and our behavior are we to show them the transforming power of AA's philosophy of life.

-- C. T.

St. Paul, Minnesota

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Intergroup Contributions:
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March Historical Events

March 1, 1941: Saturday Evening Post article by Jack Alexander created national sensation. AA membership quadrupled in one year from 2000 to 8000.

March 3, 1947: Nell Wing, Bill's secretary and first archivist of AA, began her career at Alcoholic Foundation Office at 415 Lexington Avenue.

March 10, 1944: New York Intergroup was established.

March 16, 1940: Bill moved the Alcoholic Foundation office to 30 Vesey St., NY. (30 Vesey St., NY, was almost destroyed on September 11, 2001.)

March 21, 1966: Ebby Thatcher, Bill Wilson's sponsor, died sober.

March 22,

1951: Dr. William Duncan Silkworth died at Towns Hospital.

1984: Clarence Snyder, founder of Cleveland AA and author of "Home Brewmeister," died at 81, 46 years sober.

March 25, 1965: Richmond Walker, author of "Twenty-Four Hours a Day" book, died at age 72, almost 23 years sober.

March 31, 1947: 1st AA group was formed in London, England.

Other events in **March**, for which I have no exact date:

1936: AA had 10 members staying sober. At end of 1936 A.A. had 15 members.

1938: Bill begins writing the book Alcoholics Anonymous. Works Publishing Inc. established to support writing and printing of the book.

1940: Mort J. came to LA from Denver; started custom of reading Chapter 5 Big Book at Cecil group.

1941: 1st Prison AA Group formed at San Quentin.

1946: The Jefferson Barracks AA Group in Missouri was formed. It is thought to be the first ever in a military installation.

Grapevine Daily Quote January 13, 2020

"I have an AA friend, a good and gentle soul. He recently joined one of the great religious orders, one in which the friars spend many hours a day in contemplation. So my friend has plenty of time to take his inventory. The more he looks the more unconscious self-deception he finds. And the more astonished he becomes at the elaborate and devious excuse-making machinery by which he had been justifying himself. He has already come to the conclusion that the prideful righteousness of 'good people' may often be just as destructive as the glaring sins of those who are supposedly not so good. So he daily looks inward upon himself and then upward toward God, the better to discover just where he stands in this matter of honesty. Out of each of his meditations there always emerges one dead certainty, and this is the fact that he still has a long way to go."

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., August 1961,
"This Matter of Honesty," The Language of the Heart

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January 2020 Volusia County Intergroup Donations

Group & District Donations: \$3,710.58

Anniversaries Donations: \$0

Anonymous Donations: \$ 8.00

7th Tradition Donations: \$ 34.00

In Memory of: \$0

Total: \$3,752.58

The text "thank you!" is written in a playful, multi-colored font. The word "thank" is in yellow, green, and blue, while "you!" is in orange, red, and blue. The exclamation point is also in blue.

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

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!**

Panel 69 Area Assembly was held January 3-5 and was attended by 317 attendees which included 50 Officers, 40 DCM's, 177 GSR's, and 50 Visitors.

There were a wide variety of workshops on Saturday for new and experienced.

One new way of carrying the message has come to light. ASL (American Sign Language) of the Big Book and 12x12. This is one other way that our donations are at work.

AA is looking for volunteers for the World Conference this coming July 2-5 in Detroit. For more info check out aanorthflorida.org and aa.org

Next area assembly is April 3-5 in St Augustine

Gary D



Changes To The Meeting List

Free To Be

Noon - Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
Lambda Outreach
320 Harvey Ave., Ste. 101
Daytona Beach

Noon meetings Discontinued

Sisters in Sobriety

First Congregational Church
201 West University
Orange City
Tuesday – 6:45 pm

**Change to new meeting time
Tuesday 6:15 pm**

New Meeting

Chairman's Choice Format
Sundays 5 pm

Located at Oasis Outpatient Treatment Center
(Not affiliated with Oasis)
951N Volusia Ave #700
Orange City FL

Step III

“Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God, as we understood Him.”

Tradition III

“The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.”

Concept III

“To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of AA – the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

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Upcoming Events

Big Book Workshops

12 Steps in 12 Weeks
Wednesdays from 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Began January 8
Four Sessions Left
Last Session 3/25/20
1st Congregational Church
201 W. University Ave.
Orange City, FL 32763

District 20 Workshop

Where Does Your Dollar Go?
Sunday March 8th
1pm -3pm
United Church of Christ
203 Washington Street
New Smyrna Beach
Please see flyer for details

4th Annual Unity Under the Stars Campout

March 27-29
Lake Monroe Park
975 S. SR 17/92
DeBary, FL 32713

Please see flyer for details



District 21

Presents a Workshop on RELATIONSHIPS AND RECOVERY

Sunday, March 29, 2020
2:00 – 4:00 pm
Almous Club
569 Foote Court
Daytona Beach, FL 32114
Please see flyer for details

District 8 Presents 7th Annual Spring Picnic

April 26
12 pm - 3 pm
919 Reed Canal Road
Please see flyer for details

District 20 Picnic,

May 2
11 am – 3 pm
Pettis Park, NSB

Please see flyer for details

64th Florida State Convention

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

Please see flyer for details