

HIGH 'N DRY



May 2020

Volusia County Intergroup Services

Districts 8, 19, 20, 21 and 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."



Heard it Through the Grapevine – Editor's choice

Grapevine Editorial: On the 5th Tradition

Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose--that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Says the old proverb, "Shoemaker, stick to thy last." Trite? Yes, but very true for us of A.A. How well we need to heed the principle that it is better to do one thing supremely well than many things badly.

Because it has now become plain enough that only a recovered alcoholic can do much for a sick alcoholic, a tremendous responsibility has descended upon us all, an obligation so great that it amounts to a sacred trust. For to our kind, those who suffer alcoholism, recovery is a matter of life or death. So the society of Alcoholics Anonymous cannot, it dare not ever be diverted from its primary purpose.

Temptation to do otherwise will come aplenty. Seeing fine works afoot in the field of alcohol, we shall be sorely tempted

to loan out the name and credit of Alcoholics Anonymous to them; as a movement we shall be beset to finance and endorse other causes. Should our present success continue, people will commence to assert that A.A. is a brand new way of life, maybe a new religion, capable of saving the world. We shall be told it is our bounden duty to show modern society how it ought to live.

Oh, how very attractive these projects and ideas can be! How flattering to imagine that we might be chosen to demonstrate that olden mystic promise: "The first shall be last and the last shall be first." Fantastic, you say. Yet some of our well-wishers have begun to say such things.

Fortunately most of us are convinced that these are perilous speculations, alluring ingredients of that new heady wine we are now being offered, each bottle marked "Success"!

Of this subtle vintage may we never drink too deeply. May we never forget that we live by the Grace of God--on borrowed time;

[See "5th Tradition, p.5](#)

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795 Total
Years of
Sobriety This
month

INTERGROUP NEWS and MEETINGS SCHEDULE
Volusia County Intergroup Representative's Meetings are cancelled until further notice



There was no IGR Meeting in March

Message from the Office Coordinator

Our world has changed since the end of March. The Intergroup Office has been closed since April 2. Most meetings have been forced to stop or move outside. Virtual meetings have sprung up. The Intergroup Website, administered so ably by Hugh P., has become a lifeline for folks who need to find out about the status of their meetings, where to find online meetings, and cancellations of events.

[See "Message" page 6](#)

The Volusia County Intergroup Office Wants You

Volunteers!



Volusia County Intergroup

- The Intergroup office will be open one day a week until the shutdown is over:
- Hours will be from 9:00 to 1:00 Wednesdays beginning April 22 until further notice
- Anniversary Coins, Books, Book covers, Cards, Jewelry.
- Credit cards accepted



Special Thanks to the following Home Groups for their contributions

- Brighter Days
- Any Lengths
- Weekly Reprieve
- Steps for Life
- Westminster By the Sea
- Back to Basics-Deland
- Basic Text
- Riverbridge
- Saturday Morning Step
- Women's New Beginnings
- Lest We Forget

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

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

Office Coordinator – Margaret K: We had 130 Visits and 40 calls at Intergroup.. We will need a Friday morning volunteer when we are once again open full time.

Phone Army/12 Step Coordinator – Roy O: The Phone Army has received 91 calls and 2 visits. The volunteers have stepped up to take calls to the office on a full time basis (*See Thank you note on page 7 – top right column*).

Editor's Report – Tom L: We now have both the website and email versions of the High 'n Dry newsletter. The current covid-19 situation has shown the value of both of these versions in addition to the printed copies. When the printed copies are unavailable due to quarantine, or any other reason, we still have the website and email versions. Finally, there are clickable links to other websites that are not available in the printed versions.

[See "Reports" page 7](#)

From the Archives

Serenity Prayer Origins

Origin of the clipping with the Serenity Prayer...

I found this in Markings the archives interchange (newsletter so to speak) winter 2013. https://www.aa.org/newsletters/en_US/f-151-markings_winter-2013.pdf

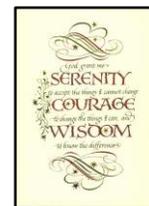
The earliest letter from Ruth Hock (the first non-alcoholic secretary of A.A.) to Henry S. (dated 6/21/41) ... the letter states... "one of the boys up here got a clipping from a local newspaper which is so very much to the point... Here it is" God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference." From the date of the letter it was estimated that the clipping was May or June of 1941. From "Pass it On" it came from New York Herald Tribune." Associate Archivist Stephanie Gellis (nonalcoholic) found in NY library May 28, 1941 (public notices section).

More on this story from page 196 of *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*. The man who brought in the clipping was "newsman Jack" a member of New York. [I guess even back then we used nicknames to be anonymous]. While Bill and Ruth were admiring the clipping a friend Howard [no nickname] said he would pay for the first printing to have a card made with the serenity prayer and for several years it was included in every letter mailed. Jack Alexander researched and found it was written by Rev. Reinhold Niebuhr of the Union Theological Seminary.

Dr. Carl Jung and Alcoholics Anonymous: (Also in Markings winter 2013.) Born in 1875 and died 1961. In early 1930's Rowland H., an alcoholic was treated for a year and believed he had recovered only to resume drinking. Returning to Jung asking for help, Jung stated no more treatment from scientific or medical standpoint but that the only way to recover was to have a religious or spiritual experience. Rowland joined the Oxford Group and had a spiritual experience and stopped drinking. Rowland came to help of Ebby T., a friend of Bill W. Ebby conveyed the same message that science and medicine had no solution and imparted the spiritual approach of the Oxford group. Ebby stopped drinking and later in December of 1934 conveyed the same message to Bill W.

In 1961 Bill W. wrote to Carl Jung to thank him for his contribution to Alcoholics Anonymous. Jung responded that alcoholism was a "spiritual thirst" and explained that his treatment of Rowland was an extension of the idea. Bill W. wrote another letter to Jung but Jung had passed before responding.

Jim B., Archives



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May Anniversaries

Any Lengths

Owen R 32 5/24/1988

Back to Basics

Deborah T 32 5/1/1988
Tom C 1 5/19/2019

Beachside NSB

Ralph C 28 5/21/1992
Jule E 22 5/4/1998
Kim E 3 5/23/2017

Choice is Yours

Tim G 3 5/21/1987
Ed Grass 30 5/30/1990
Arin 7 5/21/2013
Mark B 5 5/5/2015
Ashley L 5 5/30/2015
Gary V 2 5/6/2018

Good Day Group

Ann D 7 5/21/2013
Angel V 1 5/16/2019
Michael H 1 5/24/2019
Steve A 1 5/31/2019

High Noon

Richard H 3 5/29/2017

Hour of Power

Jamie W 32 5/17/1988
Eric M 18 5/24/2002
Mary T-H 11 5/19/2009
Michelle S 10 5/23/2010
Jeff R 6 5/26/2014
Jim P 2 5/10/2018
Lois R 1 5/13/2019

New Dawn Group

Pat D 39 5/7/1981
Terry W 36 5/17/1984
Chuck M 9 5/7/2011

New Smyrna Beach Group

Michael L 28 5/13/1992
Larry G 11 5/9/2009

Noon Group/Deland

Obie 10 5/11/2010

Peace of Mind

Jerry K 39 5/13/1981

Sunrise Group-Deland

Tom C 1 5/19/2019

Sunrise Group-Holly Hill

Tanya R 29 5/25/1991

Thursday Night Men's

Bill R 25 5/25/1995
Jimmy F 19 5/1/2001

Way of Life

Fritz M 54 5/7/1966
Jimmy D 23 5/3/1997
Bonnie D 17 5/4/2003
Ashley B 2 5/13/2018
Derek H 1 5/22/2019

Women's Book Study

Helen D 27 5/16/2008
Katie U 3 5/6/2017
Corrine M 1 5/14/2019
Michele T 1 5/26/2019

REBOS 5:30 Group

Gary (Surf) 40 5/15/1980
Chuck B 23 5/1/1997
Carol D 9 5/6/2011
Ashley S 9 5/7/11
Kristen N 8 5/20/12
Mary S 7 5/5/2013
Chris S 7 9/18/2013
Jeff R 6 5/16/2014
Larry G 11 5/9/2009
Sean P 1 5/10/2019
Larry W 1 5/24/02
Eric M 18 5/24/02

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



From "5th Tradition", page 1

that anonymity is better than acclaim; that for us as a movement, poverty is better than wealth.

And may we reflect with ever deepening conviction that we shall never be at our best except when we hew only to the primary spiritual aim of A.A.--*"That of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers alcoholism."*

-- Bill W.

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A Note of Appreciation to Our Webmaster Hugh P

Because our efforts are so closely aligned, I have become aware of how high your level of commitment and dedication actually is.

It would not be possible for the High 'n Dry to be so presentable without your expertise and dedication. Furthermore, your input has been constructive and inspirational. I feel a real kinship and partnership with you. You provide an example to which we may all aspire.

I truly appreciate your service.

Tom

Editor's Note:

We have included a list of links to the Volusia County Intergroup Services and its individual pages. We encourage you to explore them all. You will find them on the next column of this page.

Website Links

The following website Links are provided for your convenience. Simply click on any of the links to open if you are reading from either the website or email versions of the High 'n Dry.

<http://aadaytona.org/>

Volusia County Intergroup of AA

This is the home page – All of the other pages may be accessed from menus that are found at the top of this page; however, the following links are direct connections to each of the other pages if you prefer to use them.

<http://aadaytona.org/updates/>

This page contains the current status of Meeting and Event Cancellations, Moves, and other related updates and changes for AREA 14 - Districts 8, 19, 20, 21, and 32 *as they have been reported to Intergroup*. All new updates or corrections should be reported to the Webmaster at

hughpatricktech@gmail.com

<http://aadaytona.org/meetings/>

This is an excellent meeting schedule; however, please check out the "Updates Page" above for the duration of the Covid-19 crises.

<http://aadaytona.org/vci-store/>

Currently closed

<http://aadaytona.org/past-issues/>

This link will actually get you to all of the High 'n Dry Issues.

<http://aadaytona.org/events/>

Scheduled Events - however, please check out the "Updates Page" above for the duration of the Covid-19 crises.

<http://aadaytona.org/service/>

A description of intergroup service committees

<http://aadaytona.org/area-map/>

A map of the Districts in Area 14

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We were unable to distribute many of the March High & Dry's, but our editor, Tom L., sent out quite a few via e-mail and the website published it as well. Our wonderful phone army has been answering calls to intergroup full time, not just nights and weekends.

Our Old Timer's Dinner, held on February 29, was a great success. Intergroup netted \$2,535. In April we have been facing no sales and much reduced donations from groups. I will be writing an article for the High & Dry in the July issue about Intergroup's financing and how our Prudent Reserve is a necessary backup for us in emergency situations.

Although we are physically apart for now, we are all still together in the Fellowship of the Spirit. We will be together again before long to trudge the road of happy destiny. Stay well and safe!

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May Historical Tidbits

May 1

1939 - Lois and Bill Wilson left their home at 182 Clinton St., Brooklyn.

1940: Rollie H, Cleveland Indians, first anonymity break on national level.

1941 - First Wisconsin AA meeting was held in a Milwaukee hotel.

May 2

1941 - Jacksonville, FL, newspaper reported start of a new AA group.

1941: The first AA group in New Orleans, Louisiana, was formed (sometimes dated as May 3, 1943) by the New Orleans Times.

May 3

1941 - First AA group formed in New Orleans, Louisiana.

1943 - Democrat Chronicle in Rochester, NY, reported first annual AA dinner at Seneca Hotel with 60 attending.

May 4

1940: Sunday Star reported founding of first AA group in Washington, DC.

1946 - Marty Mann explained Alcoholics Anonymous and the National Committee for Education on Alcoholism on the "We the People" radio show.

May 5

1940 - Washington, DC, Sunday Star reported formation of first AA group in the District of Columbia.

May 6

1939: Clarence S of Cleveland told Dr. Bob, his sponsor, he would not be back to Oxford Group meetings in Akron and would start an "AA" meeting in Cleveland.

1946: The long form of the "Twelve Traditions" was published in the AA Grapevine.

May 7

1956 - The first English AA Convention was held in Cheltenham, England.

[See page 8 "Historical"](#)

March 2020 Volusia County Intergroup Donations

Group & District Donations: \$1,482.43

Anniversaries Donations: \$0

Anonymous Donations: \$ 13.75

7th Tradition Donations: \$ 8.00

In Memory of: \$0

Total: \$1,478.18



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

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!**

"Reports" from page 2

The first ever emailed version of the High 'n Dry, beginning with the April issue, has been sent out. I have gotten a number of favorable return responses.

My current subscriber's list is comprised of eighty-two contacts. I need help to expand our subscriber's list. I am asking our members to call their AA friends to inform them of the email program, get their ok to subscribe and to send their names, and emails to: editor@aadaytona.org

[Resume at Archives page 3](#)

**The YANA Club
has reopened as of
8:00 a.m. Wednesday April 22nd**



Changes to the Meeting List

Go to: <http://aadaytona.org/updates/> to follow the current comprehensive meetings list.

A Thank you to the Phone Army Volunteers

I would like to thank all of the phone army volunteers for covering the extra weekly hours that Intergroup is closed due to the virus.

I would also like to express my gratitude for the 12th Step Volunteers who stand ready to help the new alcoholic, when they reach out for help."

Roy S.
Phone Army, 12th Step Coordinator.



Step V

“Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs”

Tradition V

“Each group has but one primary purpose — to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers”

Concept V

“Throughout our structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration”



Events

Please click on <http://aadaytona.org/> and select "Updates" for the most comprehensive, up-to-date catalog of events changes.

Explore all the pages while you are there.
They will make you quiver with excitement!

Our webmaster has created a new Volusia County Intergroup Services webpage. See <http://aadaytona.org/updates> to view all of the AA meetings, events, closures, postponements & changes, with sections for "outside" & "online" meetings. Please check the website every day. Many of these changes are happening throughout the day!

This website is the most comprehensive source of information concerning the rapidly changing meetings status and notices. Please take advantage of this valuable website!

Please email hughpatricktech@gmail.com to help update any known changes or suggest other resources.



"Historical" from page 6

May 10

1939: Clarence S announced to the Akron Oxford Group members that the Cleveland members were starting a meeting in Cleveland and calling it Alcoholics Anonymous.

May 12

1935 - Mothers' Day - Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob Smith met for the first time in Akron, Ohio, at the home of Henrietta Seiberling.

May 15

1961 - Bill Wilson's mother, Dr. Emily Strobell, died.

May 28

1974 - The first World Service meeting of AA outside of America was held in London

May 29

1980 - "Dr. Bob and the Good Old-timers'," AAWS biography of AA co-founder and a history of early Mid-west AA, was published.

May 31

1938 - Bill and other AA's began writing the Big Book.