

HIGH 'N DRY

Volusia County Intergroup Services



December 2020

Districts 8, 19, 20, 21 and 32

Happy Holidays

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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

Boss, Bar, Bartender

They angered me, so I proceeded to drink again

*December 1950 Grapevine
Mail Call*

I GOT angry at my boss one day and to get even I went into a bar to get a drink. Then I took another--and another, and so on.

"Get out of here!" roared the bartender when I ran out of money; me a good customer. I would get even with him!

Outside a policeman said to me, "Get home!" Me--a good citizen. I'd get even with him.

"You're late," snapped my wife to me--her loving (?) husband. I'd get even with her!

My bed rolled and was hard and I slept not that night.

The next day I arose aching and jittery and set about to get even with those who had angered me.

Then I met a man who told me about a barroom where drinks were free, inexhaustible and left no hangover. He introduced me to the Keeper of this Bar, who now is the joy of my life. At morning he serves me an eye-opener of faith; at mid-morning I quaff a highball of hope and at noon I lunch at the free lunch counter of fellowship, in the afternoon I sip a cocktail of service and in the evening I partake of the communion wine of happiness and retire with a nightcap of joy to dreams of peace and serenity.

I've got even with the bartender and the boss and the policeman--they are my friends now. I've got even with my wife--I love her as I should. I have found the Bar of the Universe because of my meeting with an AA.

By RP Shreveport: Louisiana

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1,093 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 Central Baptist Church (until the pandemic ends, at which time it will be at the Intergroup offices).



Groups represented at the Intergroup Representative's November 2020 Meeting

Back to Basics
Deland Big Book Study
Friday Sobriety
Hour of Power
Lest We Forget
Love and Service
Ormond Beach Group
Precisely How
Road to Recovery/Osteen
Saturday Night Beginners
Sobriety First
Sunrise Group/Deland
Sunrise Group/Holly Hill
Wednesday Women's
We're Working On It

The Volusia County Intergroup Office Wants You



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.

email - admin@aadaytona.org/
phone - (386) 756-2930



Special Thanks to the following Home Groups for their contributions

Back to Basics/Deland
Choice Is Yours
Deland Big Book Study
District 32
Holly Hill Book Study
Hour of Power
How It Works
Just Do It
Lest We Forget
Love and Service
New Dawn
New Hope
Noon Group/Victor E.
Seaside
Sunrise/Deland

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

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

Office Coordinator: We had 65 Calls and 152 Visits – Paul has returned from his trip and is now our Thurs. afternoon volunteer. We are now carrying very cool fabric book covers made by Jessa Monroe. . I would like to propose closing Intergroup on Saturday, Dec. 26, which is the day after Christmas (approved). Rick R. was elected as Treasurer of the Steering Committee at its last meeting– Margaret K:

High 'n Dry Editor - December will be my final issue. The changes outlined in this report are not all inclusive but they are among the most notable. The High 'n Dry now has a system in place that can be employed by anyone who cares to do so with relative ease. The format is standardized and there is a digital support system of which includes folders that contain a significant stock of articles that are categorized by date, title (or classification), and importantly, column size or space. This system facilitates finding the correct type and size article to fill any requirements, i.e., available space. We also have an email program that contains three hundred sixteen contacts at the time of this report. They are also classified by contact, group, and city for tracking and development purposes. I would like to see the email contact list improved and tripled. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served and for the support that I received. Please welcome Mary Ellen as the new editor. She is uniquely qualified to assume these duties. – Tom L:

The intergroup office will be closed December 25 through 27 for Christmas

From the Archives

History of Orlando Alcoholics Anonymous

This is from a booklet: "History of Alcoholics Anonymous in the Orlando area".

I use this information to get a glimpse at what A.A. was like as it was first forming. Now we have meetings every day and you have choices of types of meetings, locations, and time of the day. Try to imagine what it was like living in Orlando and the only meetings were in Jacksonville or Daytona.

"On April 6, 1944 Dave A. wrote to New York office asking for guidance on organizing an A.A. group." His letter to NY stated "I started applying your A.A. principles after attending meetings in Jacksonville ... and in Daytona. I consider myself a bona fide member as well as an enthusiastic member. However, Now I am located in Orlando which has no group. Knowing full well that A.A. represents my salvation, I am very anxious to get a group organized here.... Both Jacksonville and Daytona members are behind me and will help." He continues: "There are probably policies which you people in New York would want us to observe, so I am writing this letter for instructions from you as to how to conduct ourselves. Please let us know as soon as possible." D.W.A.

A letter in reply from New York dated April 10, 1944: basically stating they were sending some literature and would add his contact information and gave list of two potential contacts in the Orlando area.

They then added, "There are no set rules and regulations in A.A. It is up to those in the group. If you wish further information concerning group procedures, why not attend the meetings in Jacksonville and study their procedure. You can practice the same and then you and the other Orlando AAs can contribute your ideas." NOTE: this is before the traditions published in 1946.

From another source on Jacksonville history they had some pretty stringent rules: like no women, by invitation only and new members seen and not heard for three months.

Another interesting part was about early history of A.A. in Orlando dealt with "anonymity"... from the history of Orlando "beginnings": "Some members took the term 'anonymous' quite seriously. During closed meeting nights, family members of the alcoholics met in a separate room. The only access to this room was through the A.A. meeting room. Family members were therefore obligated to come early, then wait and leave late, to give the A.A. members concerned with anonymity a chance to arrive and depart unobserved by the non-A.A.'s."

Jim B.



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December Anniversaries

NAME	YR	DATE	NAME	YR	DATE	NAME	YR	DATE
5:30 Group			Jessie F	10	12/22/2010	Sam S	2	12/13/2018
Gary F	36	12/17/1984	Bella D	10	12/31/2010	Road to Recovery/Osteen		
Alma R	17	12/25/2003	Allison K	6	12/26/2014	Dean	30	12/17/1990
Bill H	11	12/15/2009	Good Day Group			Steve O	28	12/17/1992
Gary R	11	12/24/2009	Tobias C	10	12/21/2010	Lee P	15	12/12/2005
Samantha T	8	12/12/2012	Richard M	1	12/18/2019	Saturday Women's AA		
Jeanine H	8	12/12/2012	Mike M	1	12/23/2019	Terry B	38	12/10/1982
Christi	2	12/1/2018	Happy Hour - DB			Short Timers		
Bruce S	2	12/12/2018	Ricky	12	12/7/2008	Cyril J	11	12/27/2009
Back to Basics/Deland			Celeste M	6	12/22/2014	Sunrise Group/Deland		
Louise P	37	12/16/1983	Angela S	4	12/10/2016	Arlene G	18	12/9/2002
David O	16	12/14/2004	High Noon			Nancy C	16	12/1/2004
Ed V	13	12/7/2007	Bruce S	30	12/15/1990	Doug B	11	12/22/2009
Beachside NSB			Louise O	3	12/7/2017	Peter S	5	12/1/2015
Chuck A	5	12/2/2015	Adam R	3	12/12/2017	Dane R	1	12/28/2019
Choice Is Yours			Lest We Forget			Way of Life		
Joe S	42	12/7/1978	Jon G	11	12/21/2009	Michael T.K.	1	12/22/2019
Jim F	24	12/19/1996	Allison K	6	12/26/2014	Paul T	1	12/20/2019
Gary M	8	12/6/2012	New Dawn			Robert Y	1	12/27/2019
Steve	4		Brad N	35	12/10/1985	We Are Alive		
Kirk	1	12/10/2019	Mike S	11	12/26/2009	Brenda B	3	12/10/2017
Christian	1	12/31/2019	Brian S	7	12/11/2013	T. J. W.	2	12/25/2018
Sherry	1	12/28/2019	Ann E	2	12/26/2018	Wednesday Women's Group		
Deland Big Book Group			Cindy D	1	12/30/2019	Beryl D	36	12/2/1984
Mike D	13	12/24/2007	New Hope Group			Josiane A	34	12/28/1986
Desmond V	4	12/19/2016	Tony H	34	12/6/1986	Inger W	24	12/17/1996
Matt G	2	12/9/2018	New Smyrna Beach Group			Kathy B	23	12/17/1997
Deltona Men's Group			Kandis N	2	12/26/1988	Jill S	18	12/25/2002
Andy B	32	12/27/1983	Penny M	5	12/26/2015	Libby R	15	12/6/2005
Gale I	6	12/10/2014	Pass It On			Janice K	3	1/26/2017
Nathan	2	12/12/2018	Nancy P	34	12/4/1986	Women's Book Study		
Donut Group			Bruce	28	11/27/1992	Jessica R	8	12/26/2012
Mike G	23	12/3/1997	Nina P	3	11/16/2017	Donna W	7	12/8/2013
Early Ducks			Peace of Mind			Women's New Beginnings/P.O.		
John T	19	12/1/2001	John O	42	12/31/1978	Ann	3	12/26/2017
Ed V	13	12/6/2007	Nancy P	15	12/15/2005	Michele	3	12/25/2017
Sandra D	12	12/19/2008	Beverly F	9	12/6/2011	Tammy	2	12/7/2018
Debbie R	11	12/17/2009	Judy V	7	12/30/2013	Cathy	2	12/1/2018

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

Our Halo's Slipped!

You surely have "caught fire" in your first two issues in 1951 and, as a subscriber since Volume 1 No. 1, I wish to offer you my congratulations and thanks.

The Memorial number to Dr. Bob in January was inspiring and, for me and I am sure for many others, it gave body and substance to a remarkable man who, alas, too few of us outside the Akron-Cleveland region knew intimately. And, although I am sure it was not planned that way, it was a rather remarkable coincidence that the Memorial number should be followed in February by one dealing with the New York area where our other cofounder, Bill, has done his principal work--because in a way the February number, although not so labelled, is really a tribute to Bill--particularly to his ability in rounding out the Program on the basis of "trial and error" experiments. For while it is true, as you say, that he took no sides in the "Manhattan Group-Corporation" controversy, actually his sound advice was available at all times to both sides with the result that the "violence and near-riot" which at its height looked disastrous, finally subsided without any real damage to the Fellowship in this area; and it was from this and other somewhat less hectic "pilot plant" experiments at both the 24th and 41th Street Clubs that there was developed under Bill's authorship a large number of the points which have now been crystallized into the Twelve Traditions. And so again, as in so many other parts of the Program, apparent disaster became the foundation of constructive growth.

Enough for now, except that I will hazard a guess that in a few years your January and February issues will be collectors' items!

BY: J. A. D. | new york
February 8, 1951

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There Are Worse Things

IT seems, so the story goes, that an alcoholic (not necessarily a member of AA, obviously) had had a very bad slip. When he came to in the town where he found himself, he called loudly for a doctor. And when the doc arrived post haste, our friend explained in considerable detail that alcoholism is a disease, that he was an alcoholic, that he had had a very serious slip, that he was in terrible shape and that he needed help and medication and particularly sedatives--but quick.

The M.D. listened attentively, took many notes and said, "Yes, I can see that you are an alcoholic and that you are badly in need of help. In fact, I am very sympathetic because I too am ill." "Really," said the dypso, "Are you an alcoholic?" "No," said the doc, looking at his notes, "from the list of symptoms you have given me, I don't appear to be as badly off as that--all I have is tuberculosis."

Since hearing that story from the man who went through that experience, I've been more humbly thankful that AA has given me the courage to change the things I can--and I am thankful that accepting things I cannot change does not embrace a fate worse than being powerless over alcohol.

-- Anonymous

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October 16, 2020

“Complaining is not an action step.”

“Distilled Spirits,” Indianapolis, Indiana, August 1982, AA Grapevine

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New York, NY 10163

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From the June 1946 Grapevine

Better to Be Drunk Than Merely Sober

"If coming into A.A. meant nothing more to me than being sober, I'd get out of it, get drunk and stay drunk!" said H.D., a tall personable gent, as his opening blast at a regular meeting of the Orange (New Jersey) group.

"What I mean is," explained H.D., "if I continued to think and act and live the way I used to in my drinking days, I'd be so unhappy and miserable I'd simply *have to* drink."

H.D. was expressing his own opinion but it turned out that it was actually the keynote of this particular A.A. group. Starting out with seven members a little over a year ago, they now number around 60 and have made quite a name for themselves. They aren't very interested in the drinking histories of the new recruits and you don't hear the blow-by-blow accounts of drunks, even in their open meetings. "All us alcoholics sound alike--why listen to a lot of chatter about binges?" they say.

As a result their meetings are very alive and not at all repetitious--everyone tells what's happened since he got into A.A. "It's a cinch nobody would be fooling around here if he hadn't had trouble with liquor. We want to hear what people have done since they got 'dried up', not before."

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This bunch subscribes unanimously to the belief that they were pretty unhappy people or they wouldn't have become alcoholics; they felt the irresistible compulsion to drink to escape from life. They feel that if they merely get "dry" and still remain in the old rut of thinking, living and working, they'll fall flat on their faces in slip after slip.

"If some guy is sitting around feeling awful and fighting off taking a drink--he might just as well go out and get himself stinking. On the other hand, if he's stepping right along into his new world he'll be too excitedly happy as new vistas of what his life *can* be, open up before him. It's as different as looking at the world from the bottom of well or from the top of a mountain."

One of the most interesting things about H.D. and his gang was the conversation after the formal part of the meeting. There was very little of the typical A.A. talk which is so often heard in most groups. Everybody was bursting with the things that had happened since the last time they were together--the new job, the new home, the different books they'd read, civic affairs, and what was the basic reason behind the drinking in the case of some newly contacted prospects.

It struck the writer that here was a crowd of A.A.s who were really concerned with the next 24 hours--not the last 24 years, weeks, days, hours--yes, minutes.

-- C.C.
Manhattan, New York

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October 2020 Volusia County Intergroup Donations

Group & District Donations: \$1,830.27

Anonymous Donations: \$ 41.00

7th Tradition Donations: \$ 43.00

Total: \$1,914.27

Special notice "In Memory Of" - for Brady Koon:

Brady lived in and attended meetings in Daytona.

He is remembered as a very kind and thoughtful person, who will be missed by all who knew him.

Individual donations: \$25.00 (Stephanie Skemp), \$100.00 (Tori Sinclair), and \$834.64 - Half of Fundraiser for Brady in Canton, OH.

Intergroup is very grateful for the contributions

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!**

So Long From the Editor

I announce with mixed feelings the close of my tenure as editor of the High 'n Dry. This is my final issue. This experience has been most gratifying and invaluable. ..I have learned so much.

My gratitude goes to our steering committee, our office manager, and to all of you

I am most grateful to have had this connection with you, the reader. I pray that I have served you well and that you have found some value in our publication.

It is an honor to join my predecessor editors, my thanks, to all of them, for leading the way. Hopefully, my service has honored theirs, at least to some small degree.

Finally, I know that you will show our new editor, Mary Ellen, the same courtesy and support that you have given to me. We wish her well with this new adventure on which she is about to embark.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Tom L

Changes to the Meeting List

Cancelled Meeting

First Things First
Friday at 7:15 a.m.
Prince of Peace Church
Daytona
No longer meets

New Meeting

A New Pair of Glasses
Club YANA,
Wed., 1:30 – 2:30
Discussion

Step 12

“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 12

“Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”

Concept 12

“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, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.”



Historical Tidbits

December 1:

1940 - Chicago Daily Tribune begins a series of articles on AA by Neil Hamilton

December 2:

1943 - Bill speaks to 300 at meeting inside San Quentin

December 5:

1985 - Dave B, founder of Montreal Group dies weeks before 50th anniversary. Now his story is in the 4th Edition Big Book.

December 6:

1939 - Bert the Tailor lends Works Publishing \$1000

1979 - Akron Beacon reports death of Henrietta Seiberling

December 7:

1949 - Sister Ignatia accepts Poverello Medal of St Francis on AA's behalf

December 8:

1997 - "As We See It" emailing list started December 8, 1997

December 10:

1975 - "Birds of a Feather" AA group for pilots is formed

1934 - Bill admitted to Towns Hospital for the fourth and last time

1941 - Dallas Morning News reports 1st AA group formed in Dallas

December 12:

1934 - Bill has Spiritual Experience at Towns Hospital

December 12:

1937 - Bill meets with Rockefeller Foundation and tries to get money

December 13:

1934 - Ebby visits Bill at the hospital and brought William James's book, "Varieties of Religious Experience".

1937 - Rockland State Mental Hospital takes patients to meeting in New Jersey

December 19:

1939 - Drunks in Los Angeles hold their 1st AA meeting there

December 20:

1945 - Rowland Hazard dies (he carried the Oxford Group message to Ebby)

December 27:

1893 - Rev Samuel Shoemaker is born

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

1934 - Bill & Lois start attending Oxford Group meetings

1938 - Using Oxford Group principles, Bill closes the loopholes and changes the 6 steps to 12.

1948 - Dr. Bob's last major talk, in Detroit

1982 - Nell Wing retires from GSO after 35 years of service