

# The Voice

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One member's voice

## My past need not dictate my future

A story of experience, strength, and hope

*Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.*

At first glance, the Eighth Step list seemed simple enough: Use my Step Four list and add those persons purposely forgotten or remembered in the meantime.

What jumped out at me in our literature was the sentence that says, "Defective relations with other human beings have nearly always been the cause of our woes, including our alcoholism."

It went on to suggest that I first look backwards and see where I had been at fault. Next, that I make a vigorous attempt to repair the damage done. Then, that I begin to clear away debris of the past.

This backtracking—asking myself where my basic flaws came from, what life patterns had harmed me and those around me—unearthed the fundamental difficulties in my thinking and actions. It also strongly suggested that my personality characteris-

tics, including the defects, were well rooted before the drink came into play.

Fear had scripted my thoughts, outlined my actions. Through the lens of hindsight came the picture of my instincts colliding with God's will. All I need do is identify the troublesome patterns and add the people who were around on that path.

I do not want my old life back. Moreover, the days and months of longing for something better that had passed between Step Five and this step brought me to a place of forgiveness of myself and those I had harmed.

To avoid repeating the past, a face-to-face admission to people whose woes I had increased was paramount to end the isolation from my fellows and the God of my understanding. My creditors were those I had robbed of my time, those whose dreams I had stolen.

Word-loving geek that I am, I looked up the definition of debris. Interesting, what it

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### A quote for August

*"Let us always love  
the best in others —  
and never fear  
their worst."*

*As Bill Sees It, page 203*

## Tradition Eight

### Giving the gift. Paying for services.

**"Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers."**

Tradition Eight is fairly straightforward. The gift that sobriety offers each alcoholic is the gift of experience, strength, and hope. This gift is entrusted to us so that we may, in turn, offer it to the still suffering alcoholic.

As AA members, we're all on the same playing field with the same gifts. We're not paid professionals; we

can't send our sponsees a bill for services rendered.

When Bill W wrote the twelve traditions, he realized that because of our attitudes toward money, we needed to fully understand that if our local folks (at a clubhouse, for example) needed a caretaker or a maintenance person, and no one volunteered for the job, a **paid worker** would be

required.

It is well-known in AA that alcoholics tighten up when they become sober and want others to do such jobs for free. In AA we pay for services requested.

If the people hired to provide these requested services happen to be alcoholic, we should pay them the same as we would any other worker.

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## Congratulations August Birthdays!

This issue we celebrate anniversaries that add up to a collective 210 years. That's more than 76,650 days of sobriety. One day at a time!

Gabe P	29 years
Joe B	25 years
Robin J	25 years
John W	23 years
Joyce P	17 years
Michelle I	16 years
Marty G	14 years
Rose B	13 years
Faith V	12 years
Rita W	7 years
James F	4 years
Shirley M	4 years
Steve C	3 years
Kevin C	2 years
Alaisha	1 year
Clinton C	1 year

### July 2010

Rick P	6 years
Peggy B	5 years
Christine	2 years
Val	1 year

Please share your AA birthday with all.  
Deadline for September birthdays is August 20.

E-mail: [thevoice@aaocalamarion.org](mailto:thevoice@aaocalamarion.org)  
Phone: 352 867-0660

## Join the Birthday Club!



Celebrate an AA anniversary—yours or another member's—with a contribution to help Intergroup 17 carry the message to other alcoholics in Ocala and Marion County.

To join, send name, sobriety date, years of sobriety, and a donation—suggested is \$1, \$5, or \$10 for each year of sobriety to:

Intergroup 17  
P.O. Box 1192  
Ocala, Florida 34478

Plug into  
Intergroup 17 online

[www.aaocalamarion.org](http://www.aaocalamarion.org)



## Archives Reflections

# Tour de Ocala?

## Not at those speeds, but at least they were pedaling sober!

She probably won't be riding in next year's Tour de France cycling race, but Miss Ruth (as many in the local fellowship call her) has been known to pedal a few miles for sobriety.

Unlike those professional cyclists who've made the news recently with their doping revelations, the only performance enhancement she used might have been a little muscle power from a fellow alcoholic. But even that is still open for debate.

According to the story that's been floated around, Ruth had joined the Winner's Circle group in Anthony several years ago and was bound and determined to stay sober.

She had been invited to John P's house to listen to some of his new AA speaker tapes. She wanted to accept, but had been doing service work at the Club and was having trouble getting a ride to John's house.

Vane B. was hanging out at the club and heard Ruth's plight. Gallantly, he offered her the much needed ride. The only catch was that it would have to be on his "bicycle built for two."

Not to be deterred, Ruth accepted, and she and Vane headed off down old Jacksonville Road toward Highway 326.

Ruth swears to this day, but can't prove it, that Vane wasn't pedaling nearly as hard as she was. Consequently, she recalls, halfway to their destination they had to stop on the side of the road and rest, while passersby in their cars beeped their horns, laughing and pointing out their windows at the strange pair on the "bicycle built for two."

Little did the scoffers know that they were witnessing a living example of two alcoholics going to any lengths to go the distance.

Ruth and Vane finally made it to John's, where they listened to the tapes with Jerry B. and Mandy. Ruth still laughs out loud when she recounts this episode of pedaling her way to sobriety. No glum lot for sure.



*Each month, we share a reflection from the written and oral history of Ocala-Marion County. The District Archives are housed at Intergroup 17 offices. If you have a story, memory, documents, photos, or other memorabilia that relate to our local history, please relay it to Kathy P or leave her a message at Intergroup, 352 867 0660.*

# August by the Books

## STEP EIGHT

*“Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.”*

Now we need more action, without which we find that, “Faith without works is dead.” Let’s look at Steps Eight and Nine. We have a list of all persons we have harmed and to whom we are willing to make amends. We made it when we took inventory. We subjected ourselves to a drastic self-appraisal.

Now we go out to our fellows and repair the damage done in the past. We attempt to sweep away the debris which has accumulated out of our effort to live on self-will and run the show ourselves. If we haven’t the will to do this, we ask until it comes. Remember it was agreed at the beginning we would go to any lengths for victory over alcohol.

Probably there are still some misgivings. As we look over the list of business acquaintances and friends we have hurt, we may feel diffident about going to some of them on a spiritual basis. Let us be reassured. To some people we need not, and probably should not, emphasize the spiritual feature on our first approach.

We might prejudice them. At the moment we are trying to put our lives in order. But this is not an end in itself. Our real purpose is to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to God and the people about us. It is seldom wise to approach an individual, who still smarts from our injustice to him, and announce that we have gone religious.

*Alcoholics Anonymous, pages 76-77*

## TRADITION EIGHT

*“Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.”*

We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage nonalcoholic. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual AA Twelfth Step work is never to be paid for.

### Tradition Eight Checklist

1. Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?
2. When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?
3. Do I sometimes try to get some reward—even if not money—for my personal AA efforts?
4. Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, on humility?
5. Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?
6. In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?
7. Have I paid enough attention to the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*? To the pamphlet “AA Tradition, “How it Developed?”

“Twelve Traditions Checklists,” page 4

## CONCEPT EIGHT

We finally learned what the business world well knows; that we could not, at the level of top management, run a large, active and full-fledged business entity with loose-jointed committees and departments. For example, how could our Trustees function today if they were to become a mere “committee” or “department” of the General Conference instead of the legally chartered and carefully defined body that they necessarily are?

However, experience dating from our earliest days strongly suggest that future trustees and service workers, in the supposed interests of accounting simplicity, tax savings, and hoped-for efficiency, will be periodically tempted to go in for concentration and consolidations of one kind or another. Should this be again attempted, we know that the risk of making an administrative shambles out of the total operation will be great indeed.

These observations are not intended to bar any future needful change. It is urged only that we avoid unnecessary repetitions of those painful experiences and mistakes of the past which sometimes resulted from too much concentration of money and authority. It can only be left on the record that we still see no workable way to convert the Board of Trustees into an active, “all-purpose” service corporation.

*The AA Service Manual combined with  
Twelve Concepts for World Service,  
2009-2010 Edition*

**Looking for a book?**

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information?**

Intergroup 17 carries a complete stock of AA conference approved and service literature for sale, including *Big Books*, *Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions*, *As Bill Sees It*, *Daily Reflections*, and much more.

We also have available copies of AA pamphlets and brochures, service manuals, chips, medallions, and other group supplies.



Call or visit to see if we have what you want in stock. If not, we'll happily order it for you.

**Intergroup 17**  
**3666-A N.E. 25th Street**  
**Ocala, Florida 34470**  
**Phone: 352-867-0660**  
Cash purchases only.

## How Groups and Individuals Support the Work of AA

Group contributions funding the work of Intergroup 17 and other areas of AA. Many groups follow the 50-30-10-10 plan of support after they meet their own financial needs:

- 50 percent to Intergroup 17
- 30 percent to AA Worldwide General Services Office
- 10 percent to North Florida Area Assembly
- 10 percent to District 17

### Group contributions

**Intergroup 17**  
3666A NE 25th Street  
Ocala, FL 34470

**The General Service Office**  
P.O. Box 459  
6035 E. Tudor St.  
New York, NY 10164  
**NFACAA**  
P.O. Box 567  
Melbourne, FL 32902

**District 17**  
P.O. Box 3081  
Ocala, FL 3447

### Individual contributions

Individual members can provide financial support to Intergroup 17 in various ways.

- *Faithful Fivers*: \$5 each month
- *Double Nickel*: \$10 each month
- *Birthday Club Members*: \$1 or more per year of sobriety, on their AA "birthday"
- Once-a-year contribution

Please note: According to the AA publication, "Self Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix," individual contributions are accepted from AA members only and are limited to \$3000 per year per person. ([http://aa.org/pdf/products/f-3\\_selfsupport.pdf](http://aa.org/pdf/products/f-3_selfsupport.pdf))

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said: "The remains of something broken down or destroyed; brisance." On to brisance: "The shattering or crushing effect of an explosive."

Ah! That I got. My past, as in the grenade with the pin pulled, the walking on broken glass, the minefield of past actions and inactions. The emotional carnage was devastating. Those souls that I had harmed in a spiritual, mental, physical, or emotional manner include everyone I loved.

The intervening work of Steps Six and Seven had pulled a prank on me; I had started changing in spite of myself. Since my Higher Power had already started to remove my objectionable character defects, I found this was the time to act like He had done just that.

My work reflected a mirror of the relationship I had with my Higher Power and the one I sought with others. The purpose of this exercise is spiritual, to fit myself to be of maximum service to a Higher Power and the people about me. Through the lens of hindsight, my past need not dictate my future.

There are a couple of people, who may or may not be ex-relatives, still not on my list. I am reminded to forget their wrongs, admit mine. Hmmmm. Here is my chance to search my motives and actions. My sincere desires have been answered.

Diane M  
Ocala, Florida  
August 2010

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### TRADITION EIGHT

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One position we pay for in Ocala is the office manager of Intergroup 17.

The manager is a part-time worker who is paid according to an agreed upon amount that the Steering Committee believes we can afford, and not an hourly wage. She has specified duties including ensuring that the office is staffed properly, keeping the volunteers on a schedule, and fulfilling numerous other specified administrative duties. This works well in our area.

We also have a friend who is a staff member at the General Service Office in New York. She is a professional who is paid the same as any other person with the same qualifications, including a bachelors and a masters degree. She happens to be an alcoholic, but the GSO also has non-alcoholics on staff.

When she leaves the office and goes home, she attends meetings, is sponsored, has sponsees. This is her AA life; GSO is her professional life, with the added gift of interacting with other members of the Fellowship daily.

That's what Tradition Eight means when it refers to "employ special workers." But, as "special" as he or she might be, if your sponsor sends you a bill for services rendered, send it back! (With a smiley face, of course.)

*This article on Tradition Eight was prepared by Kathy and John P drawing on the history of AA as seen through our founders' eyes as well as their own experience. Excerpts from AA publications are reprinted with permission of AA World Services. The views, expressions, and opinions presented here are those of the authors and not necessarily those of AA or Intergroup 17 as a whole.*

### District 17 Corner

Highlights of the minutes of the June 24, 2010, meeting of District 17.

**Monte B** presided in Nancy D's absence. 13 officers, committee chairs, GSRs, and visitors in attendance.

**DCM Report:** District 17 to host North Florida Area Conference in July. Volunteers enlisted to staff registration desk

**Secretary's Report:** May minutes read and accepted.

**Treasurer's Report** Read and accepted. Available upon request.

**Accessibilities:** Chair has received accessibilities literature supply..

**CPC/PI:** Area 14 CPC chair is seeking volunteers to staff information booths at area events. Chair is vacant.

**Corrections:** Quantities of books have been purchased for women's and men's facilities. New volunteers approved.

Need new Grapevine subscriptions and old copies.

**Grapevine:** Chair is vacant.

**Intergroup:** Office volunteers still needed for specific time slots.

**Literature:** Solicited guidance for Area and GSO on duties/ programs.

**Treatment:** Position vacant

**Workshop subcommittee:** Volunteers sought for Homegroup workshop.

**Gratitude Dinner:** Date and location to be determined.

**Want to get involved?**  
Attend the next District 17 meeting.  
**Thursday, August 26, 6 pm**  
**St. Mark's UMC, Ocala**  
**All Welcome**

## Group Contributions to Intergroup 17 JUNE 2010

**Figures below reflect total contributions for fiscal year 2009-2010.  
Report below is from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 only.  
If there is an error, please contact Intergroup 17.**

GROUP NAME	\$ June '10 Con- tributions	Contri- butions 7/1/09- 6/30/10	GROUP NAME	\$ June '10 Con- tributions	Contri- butions 7/1/09- 6/30/10
164 Pages Group	\$15.93	\$189.02	Living Sober Group	1.00	612.43
17th Street Group			Lunch Bunch Group		249.96
Acceptance		300.00	Marion Oaks		0.23
Alive and Well		110.00	McIntosh Group		
All You Need Group		64.17	Men's Group Ocala	81.00	583.00
As Bill Sees It		598.40	New Attitudes Group		92.09
Belleview Eye Opener			New Beginnings Group		
Belleview God's Way		15.77	New Life Group		
Belleview Group		288.99	No Name Group		154.50
Bonfire Group			Ocala Group	47.82	2,429.58
Breakfast Club	385.00	3,721.72	Ocklawaha AM Group		
Came To Believe		20.00	One Page At A Time		
Citra Group		56.69	Primary Purpose Group		98.00
Come As You Are		25.00	Resentment Too Group		
Conscious Contact		84.41	Second Step Group		
Day by Day			Shores of Sobriety		135.00
Eleventh Step Group			Sisters of Serenity		
Experience, Strength & Hope		124.48	Start A New Life		475.00
First Impressions			Steps and Promises		
Forest Group		330.46	Stop Whining & Sober Up		150.00
Forest Men's Group	50.00	70.00	Strength In Numbers		0.70
Fountain of Gratitude	45.00	229.00	Summerfield Group		32.00
Free To Be		130.00	Summerfield New Green		
Ft. McCoy Group		40.00	Sm'field Living in Today		
God's Way Group		6.00	Sundae Social Group		
Grace Group			TLC Group, The Centers		
Grateful Gals		60.00	Thursday Night Step Gp.		8.72
Green Group			We Give Thanks		110.00
Grupo Mano Abierta		75.00	We Give Up	47.03	190.19
Grupo Nueva Vida			Weir Crazy	143.00	583.00
Happy Hour Group	40.00	190.00	Williston Winners		
Happy, Joyous & Free	406.23	3,379.15	Won Rebos Group		
Headstart Group	40.10	528.77	Young People's Group		100.00
It's In The Book		60.00			
Keep It Simple	154.50	620.25	District 17	25.00	655.00
Last Call Group		225.00	Birthday Club (personal)		263.00
Last House on the Block			Double Nickel (personal)		10.00
Life is Good Sober Group			Faithful 5-ers (personal)	20.00	145.00
Life Saver Group		100.15	Individuals (other)	7.93	485.34
			Spaghetti Dinner		1,467.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,355.04</b>	<b>\$20,672.17</b>

### Intergroup 17 Call Center June 2010

Meeting info requests	69
Twelfth Step Calls	5
Office transactions	29
Visitors	50
Al-Anon*	24
Miscellaneous	43

\*Calls requesting information on or needing assistance from Al-Anon are respectfully referred to the appropriate local resources.

### Intergroup 17 Financial Statements

Monthly financial statements for Intergroup 17 are available for review at the Intergroup 17 office during regular office hours.

### First Contact



“Is this AA? Well, um . . .  
I might have a drinking problem.  
Can you help me?”

**Can YOU?  
Yes YOU can!  
Will YOU?**

**Just say “Yes” to  
answering 12th Step calls,  
we’ll show you the rest.**

Call Intergroup to learn more.  
**352 867-0660**

### Intergroup 17 Monthly Meetings Everyone invited!

Open to all. Learn more about AA, Intergroup 17, and the great opportunities for service work .

**Sunday, August 8, 5:15 pm  
St. Mark's United Methodist  
1839 NE 8th Avenue, Ocala**

## Upcoming Events and Meetings of Interest

### Looking for a local meeting?

Choose from more than  
160 meetings a week.

**When and Where online!**  
[www.aocalamarion.org](http://www.aocalamarion.org)

Print copies available through home groups or at Intergroup 17 office.

Here's just a sampling that may be of interest.

#### Beginners Meeting

**Mondays**

**17th Street Group**

6:00pm every Monday

Church of Christ

2730 SE Maricamp Rd., Ocala

#### Meditation

**Wednesdays**

**Conscious Contact**

7:00pm every Wednesday

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

3452 NE Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala

#### Spanish Speaking

**Wednesdays**

**Grupo Nueva Vida**

7:00pm every Wednesday

150-A SW 23rd Ave. (1/2 block South of Ft. King), Ocala

#### Fridays and Saturdays

**Grupo Mano Abierta**

7:00pm every Friday

2082 Walnut Street, Dunnellon

#### Eat 'n Speak

**Keep It Simple Group**

Last Thursday of the month

Eat: 7:00pm Speaker: 8:00pm

Small fee for meal

Ascension Lutheran Church

5730 SE 28th Street, Ocala

#### Ocala Group

Last Saturday of the month

Eat: 7:00pm Speaker: 8:00pm

Small fee for meal. All welcome.

St. Mark's United Methodist

1839 NE 8th Avenue, Ocala

#### District 17 Monthly Meeting

6:00 pm last Thursday of the month

All GSRs. Everyone welcome.

St. Mark's United Methodist

1839 NE 8th Avenue, Ocala

#### Intergroup 17 Monthly

5:15 pm second Sunday of month

Intergroup reps. All welcome.

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#### Sober Yankees Group. New group.

**Tuesdays, 7 pm**

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

5200 SW SR 200, Ocala, 34474

No smoking on premises

Parking in back.

#### Ocala Group.

**New added meeting.**

**Saturdays, 1 pm**

St. Mark's United Methodist

1839 NE 8th Avenue, Ocala

#### Carry the Message Group

**Needs your support!**

Open Discussion, 7PM Monday

Zion United Methodist Church

1605 Blichton Road

(Corner ML King Blvd & Blichton)

#### Thursday Night Step Group

**Closed Step Meeting**

Thursdays, 8 pm

South Ocala Baptist Church

2907 SE 52nd St, Ocala, FL

### New Meeting A Vision For You

Mondays, 7 pm

Open Discussion

Florida Highlands Baptist Church

in "Highland"

10891 SW 155th St, Dunnellon, FL

Accessible

### Newer Meetings

#### Last Call Group

**New meetings. New times.**

**New! Tuesday 10 pm**

OD Candle Light

**New! Thursday 10 pm**

Step & Traditions Candle Light

**Continuing: Friday and Saturday, 11 pm; Sunday, 10 pm.**

All meetings at CATS

730 SE Osceola Avenue, Ocala

#### Carry This Message Group

**Big Book Study Meeting**

Mondays, 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Lion's Club

5850 Lillian Circle

Bellevue, Florida

(across from Lake Lillian)

#### The Come As You Are

**Women's Group**

Big Book, first Tuesday of month

Speaker, last Tuesday of month

1138 NE 8th Avenue, Ocala

#### Heavy Hitters (men's group)

Closed Big Book Discussion

Saturdays, 5:00-6:30 pm

Unity Place

525 NE Sanchez, Bldg 300, Ocala

### Discontinued

**The Anthony Group** is no longer serving as an AA group. Those seeking meetings are invited to visit the Intergroup website for a complete list of local groups: [www.aocalamarion.org](http://www.aocalamarion.org)

**Happy Highlanders** meeting discontinued. Wednesday 5 pm Florida Highlander Baptist Church 10891 SW 155th St, Dunnellon

### Experience, Strength & Hope Group New Meeting Location Effective August 6

**Fridays, 8 PM**

**Speaker Meeting**

**Church of Christ**

**2730 SE Maricamp Road**

**Ocala, Florida**

# Special Events, Celebrations, Notices

## Ocala Group August Eat 'n Speak Spaghetti Cookoff Saturday, August 28

### Dinner 7 pm

Bring your favorite spaghetti  
Or a side dish to share

### Speakers 8 pm

Kevin C and Bill J

*What service works means to me.*

\$2 if you bring a dish

\$4 without a dish

St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
1839 NE 8th Avenue, Ocala

## No Name. Yes, meeting.

Intergroup 17 apologies for omitting the No Name Group from the current *When & Where*. Here's the correct information.

### No Name Group Mondays, 7:30 pm

Anthony Methodist Church  
2396 NE 97th St Road  
Anthony, Florida 32617

## New DVDs, CDs, & more From AA World Services

**Compilation (English, French and Spanish)**  
"A.A. in Correctional Facilities" DVD (DV-02)

**Set of 3 Window Shades (English (M-26) and Spanish (SM-26))**  
12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts Window Shades

**Spanish Language CD and DVDs**  
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"Carrying the Message Behind These Walls" DVD (SDV-O6)

"It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" DVD (SDV-08)  
"Markings on the Journey" DVD Format (SDV-01)  
"Your A.A. General Service Office, the Grapevine, and the General Service Structure" DVD (SDV-07)

**French Language CD and DVDs**  
Fourth Edition Big Book (Abridged) CD (FM 81A)  
"Carrying the Message Behind These Walls" DVD (FDV-06)

"It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" DVD (FDV-08)  
"Markings on the Journey" DVD (FDV-01)  
"Your A.A. General Service Office, the Grapevine, and the General Service Structure" DVD (FDV-07)

Place your order prepaid through Intergroup. 17.  
352-867-0660.

## Local Groups. Is your voice being heard?

Stay informed. Have a voice. Make sure your Intergroup Representative is willing to serve and attend meetings.

### Next Intergroup 17 Meeting

Sunday, August 8

5:15 pm

St. Mark's United Methodist

Ocala

Everyone welcome

## Mark Your Calendar

See details elsewhere in this issue or link to more information.

**8/11-15, 2010** 54th Florida State Convention, Miami.

[www.54.flstateconvention.com](http://www.54.flstateconvention.com)

**9/24-26, 2010** Escape Disaster Together!, Florida Conference of Young People in AA, Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

## August at the Lost and Found Club

339 NE Sanchez Avenue  
(NE 4th St. & Tuscowilla Park)  
352-351-4688

- Saturday, August 7: Dance, 9 pm.
- Saturday, August 14: Movie Night. *Shutter Island*. 50 cents.
- Saturday, August 21: Scavenger Hunt (see below)
- Saturday, August 28: Bingo, 9 pm.

### Scavenger Hunt

**Saturday, August 21**

Begins 9:00 am. Ends 8:30 pm.

Pick up and return completed sheets at the Club. Pay entry fee at pick-up.

Cash prize for winner.

Fifty-cent Fellowship follows at 9 pm

Hot dogs/chips/soda

Call the Club for more details.

*The Lost and Found Club is not affiliated with Alcoholics Anonymous World Services or Intergroup 17. Local AA groups and others rent space from the club for meetings and events. Inquire at the club about availability.*

## 54th Annual Florida State Convention

August 11-15, 2010  
Doral Golf Resort & Spa  
Miami, Florida



## Step into the Sunshine

### Inspiring Speakers

Sandy B. Tampa, FL  
Bob D. Las Vegas, NV  
Wayne B. Santa Monica, CA  
Ralph W. Los Angeles, CA  
Theresa F. Hollywood, CA  
Steve A. Sherman Oaks, CA  
Bob Z. Newbury Park, CA  
Betty Ann Z. Newbury Park, CA

### A Program Full of Fellowship and Fun

Meetings, Meetings, Meetings...

Workshops  
Spanish Speaking  
Marathon  
Meditation  
Old Timers  
Young People  
G.L.B.T

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Friday Banquet & Ice Cream Social  
Saturday Banquet & Ice Cream Social  
Dances and Entertainment  
Golf Tournament  
Horseshoe Tournament  
Run / Walk

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## Intergroup 17 Meetings Everyone invited!

Open to all. Learn more about AA, Intergroup, and the great opportunities for service work .

**Next Meeting**  
**Sunday, August 8, 5:15 pm**  
**St. Mark's UMC**  
**1839 NE 8th Avenue, Ocala**

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**24-hour Hotline**  
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## Service. The Third Legacy.

### "Corresponding" sponsors needed! Women only.

Volunteers from District 17 are creating a way for women in our local fellowship to serve as "corresponding" sponsors to other women alcoholics currently serving time in Lowell Correctional Institution. Sponsorship can be done with complete sponsor anonymity.

Ready to volunteer? Not sure, but want to learn more? Leave a message for Debbie L or Sherry R at Intergroup, 352-867-0660..

### District 17 . Committee chairs and other volunteers needed.

We need several volunteers to serve in Committee Chair and other service positions. To learn more attend the next district meeting, 6 pm, Thursday, August 26, 2010, St. Marks UMC, 1839 NE 8th Avenue, Ocala

### Hotline & 12th Step calls.

Intergroup has a critical need for volunteers to answer our 24-Hour Hotline "after business hours" from their own home or cell phones. Others are needed to help respond to

12th Step calls. One year of sobriety required. Call Intergroup 17 to volunteer: 352-867-0660.

### Through The Grapevine!

Many of our brothers and sisters in area corrections facilities enjoy reading *The AA Grapevine*. Drop off your old copies at the Intergroup Office, or coordinate a group effort through your GSR.

### Take the message to local correctional institutions.

Participation requires prior approval. Applications available at Intergroup 17 office.

### Women's Meetings

There is a critical need to carry the message to women in prison (women only). To learn more, call 352 867-0660.

### Men's Meetings

To learn more, call 352 867-0660.

*Publicize your group's service opportunities in The Voice. Call 352 867-0660 or email to [thevoice@aaocalamarion.org](mailto:thevoice@aaocalamarion.org)*

## Attitude of GrAAitude

A tremendous thank you to all the groups and individuals that contributed \$1 or more to Intergroup 17 in June, including:

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- Fountain of Gratitude
- Happy Hour Group
- Happy, Joyous, & Free
- Headstart Group
- Living Sober
- Ocala Group
- Ocala Men's Group
- We Give up Group
- Weir Crazy Group

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If we've left anyone out, we sincerely apologize. Let us know, we'll make amends. Every contribution great or small whether time, energy, or money is gratefully acknowledged.

*Priscilla P, Intergroup 17 Office Manager*