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District 17 Gratitude Dinner Saturday, November 21

Speaker: Alice Mc
Menu: Surf & Turf
Fun and fellowship for all.
Tickets available now.
See back page for details.

A quote for November

It has been said that, "Almost the only scoffers at prayer are those who never tried it enough."

Twelve & Twelve, page 97

One member's voice

Growing with God

A story of experience, strength, and hope

"Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out."

After completion of the first ten steps I was certainly feeling God's presence in my life to much relief. Step Eleven helps keep me close to my Higher Power on a daily basis. I need to stay as close as possible to God in spirit, so I can do His will and not mine.

I do this by practicing Step Eleven each and every day, like I do many of the other steps. In order for God to do for me what I cannot do for myself, I must grow closer and improve my conscious contact through prayer and meditation. Here are a few tips on how I improve my conscious contact with God.

First, at the end of each day I review my daily behavior. Is there a need to make any apologies? Was I selfish today, or was I thinking of others? I have to ask myself if I was kind and loving or not? Where could I improve my interactions with others?

After a look, I ask God to forgive me where I was wrong, and I ask Him to guide me to His will for the future. This pattern seems to help change some of my foolish behavior habits of the past.

Next, each morning I sit quietly in my dimly lit living room and slowly, gradually wake up with God on my mind. I thank Him for creating me; I praise His name for relieving me from the pits of alcoholism.

My prayer consists of asking my Higher Power to direct my thinking for the day. I ask that His will be done and not mine. And by asking for His will, it helps keep me away from all of my self-pity, fears, and ill planned motives.

As long as I follow His will, things go great. It's when I go to my closet, get out my "Superman cape," and take my wrong intuitions into my hands that the

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District 17 Annual Gratitude Dinner to feature speaker Alice Mc plus plenty of food, fun, fellowship, and more.

If you're planning on attending this year's District 17 Gratitude Dinner, here's something else to be grateful for. The featured speaker of the evening will be Alice Mc, a member of our local fellowship by way of New Jersey and 33 years of sobriety.

Dedicated to carrying the message in her personal life, Alice also made her professional career in service to alcoholics and others seeking recovery from addiction.

Now retired from her position as Program Director at Little Hill-Alina Lodge, one of the premier alcohol rehabilitation facilities in the northeastern United States, she served there 22 years in the same facility where she had found her own sobriety in 1976.

Says Alice, "It's a long-term treatment facility alright. I went there for treatment and stayed 22 years for the message. God said, 'Alice, alcoholism brought you here, now you have work to do.'"

Hear more of her inspiring story on November 21 and be part of our collective gratitude for the life and purpose AA has given to us all.

This year's dinner features "surf and turf" on the menu and an evening full of fun and inspiration. ***See back page for more details, ticket information, and volunteer opportunities.***

Congratulations November Birthdays!

This issue we celebrate anniversaries of our local AA family members that add up to a collective 535 years. That's more than 195,275 days of sobriety. One day at a time!

Roger D	49 years
Rick W.	34 years
Katherine S.	33 years
Arlene H.	32 years
Dan M.	31 years
Bill R.	30 years
Kevin McN	27 years
Mitch W	26 years
Peggy N	24 years
Joe C	19 years
Winnie	17 years
David	8 years
Dennis J	6 years
Brenda R	4 year
Daniel R	3 years
Todd R	3 years
Albert F	2 years
Deborah J	2 years
Greg M.	2 years
Jeff T	2 years
Michael G.	2 years
Tammy M	2 years
Ann R	1 year
Ken W	1 year
Ricky B	1 year

October

Ang	25 years
Brett C	25 years
Bob V	19 years
Dean P	17 years
Fred M	15 years
Ralph McM	13 years
Mark W	10 years
Lisa E	7 years
Bobby	1 year
James	1 year

September

Jim B	41 years

Please share your AA birthday with all.
Deadline for November birthdays is December 20.
E-mail to: thevoice@aaocalamarion.org
Telephone: 352 867-0660.

November by the Books

STEP ELEVEN

Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

My first sponsor told me there were two things to say about prayer and meditation; first, I had to start and second, I had to continue. When it came to A.A. my spiritual life was bankrupt; if I considered God at all, He was to be called upon only when my self-will was incapable of a task or when overwhelming fears had eroded my ego.

Today I am grateful for a new life, one in which my prayers are those of thanksgiving. My prayer time is more for listening than for talking. I know today that I cannot change the wind, I can adjust my sail. I know the difference between superstition and spirituality. I know there is a graceful way to be right and many ways to be wrong.

Daily Reflections page 314

TRADITION ELEVEN

Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.

Through many painful experiences, we think we have arrived at what that policy ought to be. It is the opposite in many ways of usual promotion practices. We found that we had to rely upon the principle of attraction, rather than promotion. … People who symbolize causes and ideas fill a deep human need. We of A.A. do not question that. But we have to face the fact that being in the public eye is hazardous, especially for us.

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pages 180-181

CONCEPT ELEVEN

While the Trustees hold the final responsibility for A.A.'s world service administration, they should always have their assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staff, and consultants.

Therefore the composition of these underlying committees, and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs, and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern.

Recovery. Unity. Service.

These are the Three Legacies given to the whole membership of AA by its founders and their fellow old-timers. Here's your chance to complete the triangle. Service opportunities abound with Intergroup 17 and District 17. If nothing here appeals to your sense of service, just call Intergroup at 352 867-0660. There's plenty more to do!

Show your gratitude and have a ball doing it!

Lots of volunteers needed for the 2009 District 17 Gratitude Dinner

This is the time to step up to the "plate," literally. It takes a lot of effort to prepare for, serve, and clean up after the Gratitude Dinner's 300 attendees. Your help is needed.

The Gratitude Dinner Committee and volunteers will meet Thursday, November 5, 6:30 pm at St. Marks UMC. All who are interested in volunteering to work before, at, and after the dinner, please attend. More info or questions? Contact Francine. Call Intergroup 17 at 352 867-0660 for contact information.

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

Take the lead. District 17 Accessibilities Chair open.

We need a special person to lead our efforts to carry the message to AAs with special needs as Accessibilities Committee Chair. See below for more.

Take the message to local correctional institutions.

Women's Meetings
There is a critical need to carry the message to women in prison (women only). Contact: Sherry R.
Men's Meetings, contact. Paul N. or John J. Call Intergroup office at 352 867-0660 for contact information.

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.

Publicize your group's service opportunities in The Voice. Call 352 867-0660 or email to thevoice@aaocalamarion.org

District 17 Corner

September Meeting Summary

- Archives Committee continues to interview old-timers for local history.
- Accessibility Committee chair is vacant. Volunteers sought to help.
- CPCI is working with local gov't agencies and expanding distribution of Spanish language AA literature.
- Corrections meetings still need support, men and women.
- Treatment. New women's meeting at Phoenix House, Thursday evenings.
- Rob G elected new Grapevine Committee chair.

Next meeting. All invited. Get involved.
Tuesday, November 24, 6 pm
St. Mark's United Methodist
1839 NE 8th Avenue, Ocala

We need you.

A special person to help serve AAs with special needs.

While there are no special AA members, many members have special needs. AA Guidelines define AAs with special needs as persons who are blind or visually impaired; deaf or hard of hearing; chronically ill or homebound, and those who are developmentally disabled.

The District 17 Accessibilities Committee serves such individuals. We need a special person to lead that effort with the help of other volunteers. To learn more, call 352 207-8516 or come to our next meeting.

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.
352 857-0660

Growing with God

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trouble begins.

I ask God to help keep me on track for the day. I meditate on upcoming plans or activities and search God's desire for me. I pray for God to open my ears to hear as He guides me through the day.

Next I pray for others. Sometimes this list can be rather lengthy. But God wants me to care for others, so I ask His protection and healing hand on them as well.

Finally, my morning time includes reading some of God's Word in His instruction manual, accompanied by a little black daily devotion book which I find very helpful. I practice this every day. And I believe over the years it has helped me grow closer to Him on a daily basis.

The God of my understanding means everything to me. God and sobriety are on the top of my priority list. Without Him and His guidance, I would not be alive today. Practicing AA's steps in my life has allowed me to grow closer to God. And no doubt, you can do the same.

Randy M.
Ocala, Florida
November 2009

I'm grateful for my sobriety because ...

The Voice is grateful to all the local members who responded to our request to complete the above phrase in 30 words or less. Like good alcoholics, few actually followed instructions and stayed within the 30 word limit, but their responses are so heartfelt, meaningful, and inspiring, who's counting?

I'm grateful for my sobriety because . . .
I found a higher power, I found me and I found a way of living without drinking that gives me love, serenity, trust, honesty, acceptance of my life on life's term one day at a time.
Arlene H

I'm grateful for my sobriety because . . .
without it I would have no life. I would have had no spirit. And I would have missed the journey where we find the peace that passes all understanding..
Bob C.

I'm grateful for my sobriety because . . .
AA is showing me a better way to live. The steps and traditions teach me a new design for living. Never in a million years did I dream that I could live my life without getting wasted everyday. Life is in session, and today I am not afraid of that. But for the Grace of God go WE.
Connie C

... I have become useful ...

I'm grateful for my sobriety because . . .
of the peace in my life and I don't have all of that screaming and yelling in my head any more. I'm more the person I always wanted to be today.
Dan T

I'm grateful for my sobriety because . . .
of relaxing and not being afraid ....the peace of letting go and letting God... the surprise and wonder at how God resolves every issue in my life—when I let Him.
Mary F T

I'm grateful for my sobriety because . . .
I never thought I could say for once in my life, "I am OK". I actually like getting up every morning without the dread of "I will never do that again, I feel like crap" feeling.
Debbie L

I'm grateful for my sobriety because . . .
I can now see and appreciate all of the wonderful miracles happening in my life.
Erin S

I'm grateful for my sobriety because . . .
now I know through AA how to keep it—by passing it ON— and I need to do this on a daily basis. I learned this in the AA program, and for that I'm forever GRATEFUL. Thanx AA
Larry B

... without it I wouldn't have me ...

I'm grateful for my sobriety because . . .
it has reconnected me with a Higher Power, restored my integrity, allowed me to start liking myself, and given me a brand new perspective on life.
Liza W

I am grateful for my sobriety because . . .
without it I would not be alive, I would not have a purpose for my life, and I would not have the tools to conduct my life and I would not have a home group or other meeting to go to instead of drinking or other negative alternatives. I would not have people in my life that I love and look forward to seeing on a daily basis and most of all without my sobriety I would not have my relationship with my Higher power - GOD.
Diane R

We are both grateful for our sobriety because . . .
the disease of alcoholism did not kill us! Sobriety has brought us closer to each other and our families, especially our AA family!
Buddy and Peggy B

... I'm more the person I always wanted to be ...

I'm grateful for my sobriety because . . .
a Mother for many years of tears, worries and prayers is able to sleep at peace knowing her Son is in good hands.
Will E

I'm grateful for my sobriety because . . .
without it I wouldn't have me. For so long I tried to figure out what I was doing wrong; why couldn't I go to college; get the job of my dreams; be married to the man of my dreams? Because I wasn't sober -- so simple. Sobriety has given me all that I dreamed of and I no longer wonder what I am doing wrong.
Priscilla P

I'm grateful for my sobriety because . . .
AA's 12 Steps and the fellowship have allowed me to plumb the depths of my inner self while granting me glimpses of a greater reality. I have become useful. I'm working on "whole."
Jim B

Next month

I knew I had a spiritual awakening when . . ."

OK, so 30 words is too short. How about raising the count to 50, and making it a suggestion, not a limit. That sounds more like AA anyway. So, for December, please complete the following phrase in 50 words (more or less):

I knew I had a spiritual experience when . . ."

Send your responses to:
thevoice@aaocalamarion.org

(Email subscribers, simply click on the link to submit.)

How Groups and Individuals Support the Work of AA

Group contributions are the major funding source for 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
P.O. Box 1192
Ocala, FL 34478

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 34478

Member 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"

All contributions count

In the spirit of participation, no contribution toward carrying the message can be too small. Bill W spoke of our "collective obligation" to support AA services. If everyone waited until they had a "sizeable' amount, it's more than likely that AA's bills would go unpaid.

Please contribute what you can when you can. Thanks.

Group Contributions to Intergroup 17. Fiscal Year June 2009-May 2010.

Figures below reflect total contributions for FY2009-10. June 1 through September 30. 2009 only.

11th Step Group	
17th Street Group	
164 Pages Group	$ 54.95
ACOA	
ALANON	
Acceptance	50.00
Alive and Well	50.00
All You Need	
Anonymity Group	
As Bill Sees It, The Villages	137.25
Belleview Eye Opener	
Belleview Group	100.14
Belleview God's Way	3.00
Bonfire Group, The Refuge	
Breakfast Club	775.79
Came To Believe	
Citra Group	
Come As You Are	
Conscious Contact	37.98
Day by Day	
Dunellon Group	
Dunellon Rainbow Group	
Experience, Strength & Hope	
First Impressions Group	
Forest Group	80.00
Ft. McCoy Group	
Fountain of Gratitude	77.00
Free To Be	20.00
God's Way Group	3.01
Grace Group	
Grateful Gals	
Happy Highlanders	
Happy Hour Group	50.00
Happy, Joyous & Free	631.05
Headstart Group	165.61
It's In The Book	
Keep It Simple	308.00
Last Call Group	
Last House On The Block	
Life Is Good Sober	
Lifesaver Group	100.15
Living Sober	275.35
Lunch Bunch	
Mano Abierta	
Marion Oaks Group	
McIntosh Group	
New Attitudes	
New Beginnings, Dunellon	
No Name Group	
Nueva Vida	
Ocala AM Men's Group	302.00
Ocala Group	869.83
Ocklawaha AM Group	
One Page At A Time	
Primary Purpose	27.00
Resentment Too Group	
Shores of Sobriety	60.00
Sisters of Serenity	
Start A New Life	50.00
Steps and Promises	
Stop Whining and Sober Up	
Strength In Numbers	00.70
Summerfield Group	20.00
Sundae Social Group	
TLC Group - the Centers	
We Give Thanks	
We Give Up	42.50
Weir Crazy, Summerfield	340.00
Williston Winners	
Won Rebos Group	
Young People's Group (YPG)	
Birthday Club	
Double Nickels	10.00
Faithful Fivers	
Individuals	47.86
Total	**$4,589,28**

I am responsible.
Whenever anyone
anywhere
reaches out for help,
I want the hand of
AA to be there.
For that I am responsible.

Intergroup 17 Call Center Report October 2009

Meeting info requests	77
Twelfth Step Calls	2
Office transactions	28
Visitors	36
Al-Anon*	8
Miscellaneous	24

Does not include all after hours hot-line calls.
*Calls requesting information on or needing assistance from Al-Anon are respectfully referred to the appropriate local resources.

Upcoming Events and Meetings of Interest

Ocala/Marion County

There are more than 140 AA meetings per week in Ocala/ Marion county visit. Check out the Where & When online: www.aaocalamarion.org

Monday

Beginners Meeting
17th Street Group
6:00pm every Monday
Church of Christ
2730 SE Maricamp Rd., Ocala

Wednesday

Meditation
Conscious Contact
7:00pm every Wednesday
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
3452 NE Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala

Spanish Speaking
Grupo Nueva Vida
7:00pm every Wednesday
150-A SW 23rd Ave. (1/2 block South of Ft. King), Ocala

Thursday

Eat 'n Speak
Keep It Simple Group
Last Thursday of the month
Eat: 7:00pm Speaker: 8:00pm
Small fee for meal
ALL INVITED!
Ascension Lutheran Church
5730 SE 28th Street, 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
***For November only, Tuesday 11/22.**

Friday

Speaker Meeting
Experience, Strength and Hope
8:00pm every Friday
Druid Hills Methodist Church
1712 SE Lake Weir Blvd., Ocala

Spanish Speaking
Grupo Mano Abierta
7:00pm every Friday
2082 Walnut Street, Dunnellon

Saturday

Eat 'n Speak
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

Spanish Speaking
Grupo Mano Abierta
7:00pm every Saturday
2082 Walnut Street, Dunnellon

Sunday

Intergroup 17 Monthly
5:15 pm second Sunday of month
Intergroup Reps. All welcome.
St. Mark's United Methodist
1839 NE 8th Avenue, Ocala

Newer Meetings

The Come As You Are Women's Group
Big Book, first Tuesday of month
Speaker, last Tuesday of month

Thursday Night Step Group
Closed Step Meeting
Thursdays, 8 pm
South Ocala Baptist Church
2907 SE 52nd St, Ocala, FL

Carry the Message
Open Discussion, 7 pm
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Zion United Methodist Church
1605 Blichton Road
(Corner ML King Blvd & Blichton, north of the railroad crossing)

Added New Meeting

164 Pages Group
12&12 and Big Book Format

Wednesdays 6 pm.
Ocklawaha Methodist Church
13333 East Highway 25
Ocklawaha

November at the Lost and Found Club

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

Friday, 11/6: Movie Night, 9 pm
Saturday, 11/7: Monthly Dance, 9 pm
Saturday, 11/14: Bake Sale, 9:00 am-Noon
Baked donations appreciated,
Saturday, 11/14: Bingo, 9 pm
Friday, 11/20: Game Night, 9 pm
Saturday, 11/21: Bingo, 9 pm
Sunday, 11/22: Ice Cream Social, 2-4 pm
Friday, 11/27: Movie Night, 9 pm
Saturday, 11/28: Bingo, 9 pm

Some meeting times are now available for local AA groups. Inquire at the club.

Starting November 12
New Al-Anon Meeting
Lost and Found Club
Meets every Thursday
3 pm, non-smoking

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.

Put yourself out front! As an Intergroup 17 Office Volunteer

Get some more life into your life. Volunteer to staff the Intergroup office. Help needed especially on Saturdays 10 am to 2 pm, but other times are available. One year of sobriety required. To learn more, call 352 867-0660.

Special Events and Celebrations

Mark Your Calendar

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

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1/15-17, 2010 North Florida Area Assembly, Gainesville. www.aanorthflorida.org

2/11-14, 2010 46th International Women's conference, Orlando. www.internationalwomensconference.org

7/1-4, 2010 International Convention, A Vision for You. San Antonio, TX. Register now. www.aa.org

8/11-15, 2010 54th Florida State Convention, Miami. http://54.flstateconvention.com

tHe wEiR CrAzY gRoUp "wEiR wEir HaPpY"

Sixth Anniversary Gratitude Celebration

Wednesday, November 25
Food and fellowship 6:00 pm
Speaker 7:00 pm
Fred B , Ormond Beach , Fl

St. John Lutheran Church
10495 Sunset Harbor Rd
Summerfield/Weirsdale Florida

Group will provide meat, cheese, rolls, chips, coffee, and soft drinks. PLEASE bring a nice covered dish or dessert to express your thanksgiving.

For more information available from
Michelle M. and Michelle Y.
Call Intergroup office at
352 867-0660 for contact information.

Inventory Clearance Sale. Save 30 to 45%!

Recovery related literature. Great bargains. Great gifts.

Intergroup 17 is clearing the shelves of titles we will no longer carry for sale. We're selling them at cost—usually a 30 to 45% savings—so take a look at the list below, If you see something you want, get it today. Supply limited to current stock. Purchase at Intergroup office. Call for more information 352-867-0660. All AA literature in stock at regular prices.

Daily Meditation Books
The Promise of a New Day
Free at Last
A Day at a Time
Night Light
Answers in the Heart
Touchstones
Today I Will Do One Thing
Time to Fly Free
Wisdom to Know
Believing in Myself
Daybreak
The Color of Light
Twenty-four Hours a Day for Teens
Gratitude
Serenity
The Wrath of Grapes
Just for Today

Self-Help Books
Children of the Healer
Lost Feathers
My Search for Bill W
Not God
Things My Sponsor Taught Me
Young, Sober, and Free
A Place Called Self
When Parents Love Too Much
'The Soul of Sponsorship
101 Meeting Starters
Broken
Search for Serenity
Walk Softly and Carry a Big Book
Helping a Loved One
Just for Today
The Eye Opener

In Memoriam

William P

William M. "Bill" Posso, a member of the fellowship for 28 years and known to many in Ocala, died on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at his home in Springbrook, Wisconsin. Whether you knew Bill or not, a letter from Lois, his wife of 53 years, to a member of our local fellowship—and one of Bill's sponsees—can serve as inspiration to all. She writes:

When Bill found Alcoholics Anonymous, he found his reason, his heart and soul, and his purpose. He suffered serious consequences as the result of his drinking behavior and was forever grateful to find the love, support, and forgiveness he experienced in the fellowship of AA. Bill greatly valued all the friend he made in Florida.

He was looking forward to receiving his 29-year medallion on October 1, and I choose to believe it was presented to him at the biggest meeting ever.

I was so pleased to follow through on his request to have his ashes scattered over his favorite fishing hole. On the shore, overlooking that spot, is the Alano Club where he attended hundreds of AA meetings and made hundreds of friends.

Ernie L

Ernie L. from "downtown Ocklawaha" passed away October 18th, 2009 with over 30 years of sobriety. His home group was the Lunch Bunch at the Lost and Found Club, and he was very active in service there, chairing a beginners meetings for many years.

Ricky H

The Happy, Joyous and Free group of Alcoholics Anonymous is saddened by the loss of Ricky H. He will be missed.

Intergroup 17 Meetings
Everyone invited!

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

Next Meeting
Sunday, November 8, 5:15 pm
St Mark's United Methodist
1839 NE 8th Avenue, Ocala

Group Representatives
Please send your contact info to: info@aaocalamarion.org or call 352-867-0660. Your support is greatly appreciated and needed.

Bigger. Better.
More info than ever.
aaocalamarion.org

- *Where & When* online
- *The Voice*, current and past issues
- Service opportunities
- How to get help
- Upcoming local and regional events
- Links to the Big Book, 12&12, and more

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Hours of operation

Monday-Friday	10 am to 5 pm
Saturday	10 am to 2 pm

Website
www.aaocalamarion.org

24-Hour Hotline
352-867-0660

"God Could and Would"
District 17 Annual Gratitude Dinner 2009

Thank you
Merci
Grazie
Bedankt
Danke schön
Gracias
Dankie

Saturday, November 21
St. Mark's Fellowship Hall
1839 NE 8th Avenue, Ocala

Doors open 6:00 pm
Hors d'oeuvres 6:30 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm
Speaker 8:30 pm

E'kosi
Dank u
Efcharisto
Toda
Köszi
Arigato
Ngiyabonga

Guest Speaker
Alice Mc
Former Program Director, Little House-Alina Lodge
33-year member of Alcoholics Anonymous

Dinner Menu
Hors d'ouevres
Salad
Surf & Turf
Side dishes
Dessert
Coffee/Tea

Purchase your tickets early

Tickets $20 per person.
On sale now from your GSR or the Intergroup 17 office.

Want to reserve a seat for friends and family?
Reserved seat tickets available for $5 additional from Francine or Ashley. Call Intergroup office at 352 867-0660 for contact information.

Groups. Donate a Bountiful Basket for the Raffle!

This year's gratitude dinner will again feature the ever-popular raffle of "goodie" filled baskets provided by District 17 Groups.

All groups are encourage to participate. All proceeds from raffle ticket sales are donated to carrying the AA message. The bigger the basket, the more it will carry.

Deliver your baskets to St. Marks on Saturday afternoon, November 21, prior to the dinner if possible.