

Intergroup District 17, Inc.
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 Open: Monday-Friday 10 am to 5 pm
 Saturday 10 am to 2 pm
 Next IGR Meeting at Intergroup Office
Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013—4:30 pm
 Steering Committee meeting follows

Intergroup District 17
Ocala, Marion County, Florida

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365 Days a Year

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The Voice

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October 2013

5 Start a New Life Big Book Step Study Group celebrates 5 years!

Oct. 19, Saturday Brunch covered dish
 10:00 am Food and fellowship
 11:00 am Speakers from Boston, MA
 St. Mark's United Methodist
 839 NE 8th Rd., Ocala 34470



Living Sober Group Celebrates Twenty Years with a Picnic!
Oct. 20, Sunday

DJ Ron spins the tunes. Bring extra gloves
 3:30pm Softball, Youth Games, Dancing
 6:00pm Food, Fun, Fellowship
 7:30pm Speaker Benjamin O.
First Congregational United Church of Christ
 7171 State Rd. 200, Ocala 34476
 Donations gratefully accepted.



YPG Halloween Dance
Oct. 26, Saturday
9pm-Midnight

Tuskawilla Park American Legion Hall
 (across from Unity Place)
 516 NE Sanchez Ave., Ocala 34470
 \$5.00 Entry, DJ, 50/50, & Costume Prizes

Drinks will be provided. Please bring finger foods.

Growing with Gratitude Dinner

Presented by District 17

Nov. 9, Saturday, \$15 per person

Our Lady of the Springs Catholic Church,
 4047 NE 21st St., Ocala 34470
 Volunteers needed. Committees meet
 Mondays at 6:45pm 10/7, 14, 21, 28 & 11/4
 5:30 Doors open, 6:30 Dinner, 8:00 Program



2nd Annual Serenity Scramble
Nov. 17, Sunday
8:30 Shotgun

The Links at Spruce Creek South
 18050 SE 102nd Terr., Summerfield 34491

\$45 Entry Fee includes breakfast, greens fees, cart, range balls, lunch, prizes, raffle ticket, and gift bag.

\$15 Lunch-Only option for Non-Golfers. Menu consists of assorted cold deli meats, breads, cold salads, cookies and brownies. Everyone is welcome.

Hole Sponsorship includes recognition with a sign on a tee. \$50 minimum
Donations monetary or gifts for the raffle welcomed.
 100% goes directly to Intergroup District 17

Entry forms available at Intergroup
 or www.aaocalamarion.org
Deadline for entry is Nov. 13th

Step Ten - "Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

We continue to take inventory (as in Step Four) and continue to make amends if we harm anyone (as in Steps Eight and Nine). We began our daily Step-10 inventory when we started our Step Four inventory, "We vigorously commenced this way of living as we cleaned up the past." {p84}. We do the "spot check" inventory where we write down resentments when they occur to save them persisting. As part of Step 11 we review our day. Any resentments or fears that arise from this are subjected to a Step-10 analysis. To emphasize the point that we must keep doing this the book says: "This is not an overnight matter. It should continue for a lifetime." {p84}

If we are unsure as to the action "We discuss them with someone immediately and we make amends quickly if we have harmed someone." This statement emphasizes the need for continued sponsorship.

One thing to watch for: occasionally, people feel that they now ought to be so "spiritual" that they shouldn't get resentments. This leads to reluctance in acknowledging them and as a consequence they stop doing daily Step 10s. To avoid this it is important to stress that we do not have a choice over whether or not we get resentments. We will get them. We can't help the thoughts that come into our heads so we can take neither credit nor blame for the good or bad nature of those thoughts. However, once we have resentments, we can choose — keep them and suffer, or take inventory *Continued page 2—>*

Tradition Ten - Long version - "No AA group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate AA, express any opinion on outside controversial issues – particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever."

This Tradition is unusual in that it wasn't included because of what happened within AA, but because of what happened to another organization that was successful for a while in stopping people drinking, and then collapsed. The literature tells us of a 19th-century temperance movement called the Washingtonians. More than 100,000 people sobered up. However, giddy with success, it decided to turn its attention to other matters (campaigning on the slavery issue and the temperance movement). The process of trying to decide exactly what the Washingtonians stood for caused so much disunity that within two years, amidst the squabbling, the organization had destroyed itself. Most of those thousands drank again.

Learning from this example, AA doesn't comment on any outside issue, and AA groups don't form opinions on anything except those things that pertain to their own primary purpose or affect AA as a whole. However, those who enjoy a good argument will be pleased to learn that there is a still lot to disagree about in AA. Any visit to a group conscience or service committee, such as intergroup, will quickly demonstrate that we have differences of opinion on almost any service matter. And those disagreements are not always expressed graciously. This sort of disagreement does not represent disunity. The difference is that all the discussions are about how we can best carry the message.

For all the disagreement, we are united behind the idea that we should carry the AA message. It might seem at times to be an uncomfortable state of unity, but it is unity nonetheless. It is worth noting that as individuals we are entitled to hold opinions on any outside issues. Of course, it's not always appropriate to share them in an AA meeting and wherever we do happen to express them, we should ensure that we are not seen to speak for AA, but only for ourselves. AA does not avoid all communication with the rest of society: it can talk to others about itself. But when it does so, it is vital that it does so in a spirit of humility. We cannot rely on any of us doing anything with humility if left to our own devices.

Congratulations October Birthdays!

This issue we celebrate a collective **348 years** — more than **127,019 days of sobriety** One day at a time!

All You Need

David T. 27 yrs
"Grateful" Bob 23 yrs

Happy, Joyous & Free

Bernadette S. 24 yrs
"Fishin" Jim B. 29 yrs
Brett C. 29 yrs
Laura B. 21 yrs
Dean P. 21 yrs
David B. 8 yrs
Kevin S. 5 yrs
David M. 4 yrs
Michael C. 4 yrs
Randy R. 4 yrs
Michelle He. 3 yrs
Venetia W. 3 yrs
Sherry S. 2 yrs

Doug K. 2 yrs
Jeff W. 2 yrs
Mike B. 2 yrs
Jean C. 1 yr
Rick F. 1 yr
Robert Van H. 1 yr
Jeff W. 1 yr
Amy 1 yr
Jessica H. 1 yr
Mike H. 1 yr

Headstart
Connie C. 11 yrs
Cathy U. 6yrs
Pablo R. 1 yr
Matthew F. 1 yr
Living Sober
Tracey W. 7 yrs
Don P. 7 yrs

Greg M. 6 yrs
Heavy Hitters
Bart B. 7 yrs
Spencer B. 2 yrs
New Attitudes
Coral M. 8 yrs
Al D. 6 yrs
One Day at a Time
Frank V. 27 yrs
Nancy I. 11 yrs
Scot G. 5 yrs
Dennis W. 4 yrs
Dan T. 1 yr
Woody F. 1 yr
Primary Purpose
Dick T. 17

Deadline for submitting birthdays is the 20th of the preceding month.
Call 352.867.0660 or
Email: thevoice@aaocalamariion.org

Join the Birthday Plan

In grateful celebration of their sobriety birthdays, many A.A. members contribute \$1.00 or more for each year of sobriety to any or all of our four service entities; the local Intergroup, District, Area Assembly, and General Service Office. Every A.A. service is designed to help carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Your Birthday Plan contributions help make our vital services possible. Some members attribute their birthday contribution to their home group. If you make note of your home group's name along with your Birthday contribution, Intergroup District 17 will list your group in this monthly newsletter.

September

Paula V. 34 yrs
Kevin G. 27 yrs
John S. 25 yrs
Phyllis D. 20 yrs
John B. 16 yrs
Bob T. 10 yrs
David M. 5 yrs



- **North Florida Area Conference**

- **Area 14 Assembly**

- **Oct. 4-6, Friday-Sunday**

Orlando Lake Mary Marriott, 1501 International Pkwy., Lake Mary 32746 For special rate mention NFAC, 800-380-7724 Register online at: http://www.aanorthflorida.org/assembly_agenda.asp

- **Intergroup Monthly Meeting**

- **Oct. 12, Sunday, 4:30 pm, Intergroup Reps**

3666A NE 25th St., Ocala 34470

- **Steering Committee Meeting follows**

- **Start a New Life Big Book Step Study**

- **group Celebrates 5 years with a covered**

- **dish brunch!** St. Mark's United Methodist

1839 NE 8th Rd., Ocala, FL 34470

- **Oct. 19, Saturday**

10:00 am Food and fellowship

11:00 am Dynamic Speakers from Boston, MA

Topic: Steps 1-12

- **Home Group: "The Heartbeat of AA"**

- **Oct. 19, Saturday**

9:30am Doors open

10:00am Workshop begins

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

550 US Highway 41 South, Inverness, FL 34450

Sponsored by District 28

- **Living Sober Group celebrates**

- **20 years with a picnic!**

- **Oct. 20, Sunday** Music by DJ Ron

3:30pm Softball, Youth Games, Dancing

6:00pm Food, Fun, Fellowship

7:30pm Speaker Benjamin O.

First United Congregational Church

7171 State Rd. 200, Ocala 34476

Donations gratefully accepted.

- **Serenity by the Sea**

- **Oct. 25-27, Fri.—Sunday**

A weekend of Food, Fun, & Fellowship featuring

Meetings, Workshops, Speakers, & Saturday night

Banquet! Clancy I., Venice, CA, Mari G. Ontario,

Canada, Phil H. Largo, FL Beverly B. (AFG) Lewis-

ton, TX <http://serenityclubsfl.org>

- **YPG Halloween Dance**

- **Oct. 26, Saturday, 9pm-Midnight**

Tuskawilla Park American Legion Hall

516 NE Sanchez Ave., Ocala 34470
(across from Unity Place) \$5.00 entry, 50/50 raffle, costume prizes, and DJ. Drinks will be provided. Please bring finger foods.

- **Harvest Festival—Celebrating Unity, Service, Recovery**

- **Oct. 27, Sunday, Noon—4pm**

Music, Games, Hot Dogs, Caramel Apples, Ice

Cream Cones, and Artisans' Wares

Triangle Club, 1005 SE 4th Ave., Gainesville, FL

32601. For info call 352-373-9236 Artisans' in

recovery welcome. Sponsored by the Gratitude

Group & Sisters' in Sobriety.

- **District 17 Monthly Meeting**

- **Oct. 31, Thursday, 6:45 pm**

St. Mark's United Methodist

1839 NE 8th Rd., Ocala 34470

- **SSAASA-II Second Southern States**

- **Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly**

- **Nov. 1-3, Fri.-Sunday**

Holiday Inn South, Baton Rouge, LA

Call 225-924-7021 for special rate

Workshops, presentations, sharing information,

and fellowship, with participation by VA, WV, VA, SC,

Puerto Rico, North FL, and more.

[http://area64assembly.org/Portals/0/Flyers/2013/SSAASA%](http://area64assembly.org/Portals/0/Flyers/2013/SSAASA%202013.pdf)

[202013.pdf](http://area64assembly.org/Portals/0/Flyers/2013/SSAASA%202013.pdf)

- **4th Annual Space Coast Area Campout**

- **Nov. 8-10, Fri.—Sunday** Moss Park

12901 Moss Park Rd., Orlando, FL 32832

Speaker, Campfire meetings, Workshop, Games,

Hospitality, Morning Meditation, Spiritual Whisper,

Fri. night Weenie Roast, Sat. morning breakfast,

Sat. BBQ Dinner \$20.00 Adults \$5.00 Kids

http://www.aanorthflorida.org/events/110813_Campout.pdf

- **District 17 Gratitude Dinner**

- **Nov. 9, Saturday** Our Lady of the Springs

Catholic Church, 4047 NE 21st St., Ocala 34470

5:30 Social Hour, 6:30 Dinner, 8:00 Program

\$15.00 per person. Volunteers needed. Call

352.867.0660 for info.

Groups. Are you planning a event?

Send your information to *The Voice* for publication. Reach our nearly 400 subscribers. Deadline for each issue is the 20th of the preceding month. Send to: thevoice@aaocalamariion.org

Step Ten

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and be free of them. We also have a choice in the actions we take as a response to those thoughts. Some refer to this in meetings by saying that they are not responsible for the first thought that comes into their heads, but they are responsible for the second and the third and the fourth and so on. So it is clear, we must keep doing Step 10s. "It is easy to rest on our laurels. We are headed for trouble if we do, for alcohol is a subtle foe. We are not cured of alcoholism. What we have is a daily reprieve contingent upon maintenance of our spiritual condition." {p85}. Once we are through Step Five, there is usually nothing to be gained from reading out the written Step 10s to our sponsors. If we find that resentments won't go even if we do inventory, then it is often because we are still not taking responsibility for how we feel. We want to blame the other person rather than accept that we are reacting defectively. Praying for honesty will help us here. Also, doing inventory with the Affects-My column, as described in Step Four, may help as it will act as a "stepping stone" that will turn our attention fully to the real cause of our problems — defects of character. Anything that is particularly embarrassing or humiliating (using prostitutes, for example) are common exceptions to the former rule and should be referred to a sponsor. The same may be true for any vexing and repeated patterns of bad behavior.

In Memoriam

Our most sincere condolences to the family and friends of Robin Evans who passed away last month. She will be greatly missed and never forgotten.

Intergroup Insights

Fall is here and so is the 2nd Annual Serenity Scramble Golf Tournament. This fund raiser helps sustain the ongoing operation of the Intergroup office. Would you or your group consider sponsoring a hole, or making a monetary donation? Gift baskets? All monies will go directly to Intergroup.

Those who don't play golf and would like to attend can enjoy lunch, the raffle, and the presentation of prizes. For more information see the inserted flyer/entry form. The deadline for entries is Nov. 13.

Next planning committee meeting will be held at Unity Place, 4:00pm, Sat., Oct. 12. Volunteers are needed. No sobriety requirement, just a willingness to be of service.

At the office there is always a need for volunteers. Desk workers, After Hours team, speakers, 12 Step call list, etc...

Has your groups IGR passed around the sign up sheet for these positions and returned them to Intergroup? Does your group have an IGR? Is regularly attending the IGR meetings?

Pamphlet #P-16, The A.A. Group...where it all begins...lays out specific instructions on "What Trusted Servants (Officers) Do We Need? Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, General Service Representative (GSR), Financial Support, Intergroup Representative (IGR), A.A. Grapevine/La Vina Representative

(GvR/RLV), and Literature Representative. The pamphlet gives a description of each service position and its function within the group. This information can be read at the Alcoholics Anonymous web site, aa.org or purchased for \$.35 at Intergroup.

"Everyone in A.A. has a voice!" I hear our Area Delegate (Marilyn B.) say this often as I attend the North Florida Area Conference Area 14 Assembly every three months. You bring your voice to your home group's business meetings. Your IGR brings the group's conscience to the monthly meeting on the 2nd Sunday of every month. The Chair of the IG Steering Committee conducts this meeting and hears your concerns, suggestions, complaints, etc... Motions are made and it's the groups who bring their informed group conscience to the meeting.

It wasn't that long ago that a motion was made to raise prices on literature and everything sold in the office. Against my pleas for this not to occur the few IGR's and Steering Committee passed a considerable raise in prices. For example medallions went from \$1.50 to \$2.50. People were appalled at this change. All I could tell them was, "Where were you the month this motion was discussed? The month this motion was passed? Yes, it brought a level of awareness to the groups who didn't participate and the attendance grew the next few months.

It didn't take long for the attendance to

dwindle down again. Of the almost 70 groups/meetings in District less than 20% attend the meeting. Will you be willing to serve your group as an IGR? Get involved?

It will be a joy to see you at the next meeting.

In fellowship,
Connie C.
Office Manager

Intergroup Steering Committee

Chair: Carson F.
Happy, Joyous, & Free

Co-Chair: Shawn P.
Heavy Hitters

Secretary: Sallie C.
Ocala Group

Treasurer: Peggy N.
Shores of Sobriety

Members at Large
Thom F. Last Call

Diane I. Living Sober

Rafael Q. Blichton Road

District Corner

From the District 17 DCM

Our next North Florida Area Assembly will be October 5-6, 2013 at the Marriott in Lake Mary. There will be several workshops of interest to the GSRs and the DCM on Parliamentary Procedure, DCM mini-workshop, Service Sponsorship and we will begin the Area Inventory.

Plans are underway for the Gratitude Dinner. It will be November 9th at Our Lady of the Springs Church (same as last year). Look for flyers, announcements and tickets. Many volunteers are needed for everything from serving food and decorating to the clean up afterwards. The first committee meeting is September 30th (before this printing) at 6:45pm at Our Lady of the Springs. November 9th is only five (5) weeks away. Get a commitment, get involved!

District 17 is searching for a Secretary. Lydia N. has served faithfully for two (2) years and is ready to rotate out of office. If any one is interested, please contact Intergroup at 867-0660. They will get a message to Lydia or me.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Gratitude Dinner. Don't forget! Volunteer!

Carson F.

Treatment volunteers needed

Sponsors for women. Speakers, Chairpersons. Contact James M. at Intergroup.

Help carry the message to women inside looking out.

Our *Big Book* reminds us to "ask that we be given strength and direction to do the right thing no matter what the personal consequences maybe."

District 17 Corrections Committee needs women willing to chair, speak, and participate in AA meetings in local women's prison.

The institutions require volunteers to have one year of sobriety and be off probation, parole, and paper for three years.

Let's pull together and help these women who are on the "inside looking out." The *Big Book* says, "When we sincerely took such a position, all sorts of remarkable things followed." To learn more or volunteer, contact Lori M., Women's Corrections Chairperson at Intergroup or pick up your application there.

Men Needed Too.

The Corrections Committee also seeks men for similar service in men's prisons. Contact Frank B. at Intergroup and pick up your application there.

Traditions Checklist

from the A.A. Grapevine

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

Tradition 10 - *Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.*

1. Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen?
2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the "AA opinion"?
3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
4. Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?
5. What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
6. Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?
7. How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?

Group Contributions to Intergroup October 2013

Fiscal year: June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014

GROUP NAME	Aug. '13	YTD	GROUP NAME	Aug. '13	YTD
164 Pages Group	40.76	40.76	Joy of Living		120.00
A Light in Citra Group			Keep It Green		
Alive and Well			Keep It Simple		
All You Need Group	45.00	45.00	Last Call Group		
Anonymity Group	1.15	1.15	Living Sober Group	140.00	140.00
Bellevue Eye Opener			Lunch Bunch Group		
Bellevue God's Way	50.00	50.00	McIntosh Group		
Bellevue Group			Mid-Afternoon Group		
Blichton Road Group	20.00	20.00	New Attitudes Group		
Breakfast Club	184.00	713.05	Now What Group		
Cabin in the Woods			Ocala Group	69.09	185.56
Came To Believe			Ocala Men's Group	224.36	399.36
Conscious Contact			One Day at a Time		300.00
Eleventh Step Group			Primary Purpose Group	59.00	59.00
Eureka Group	15.00	15.00	Serenity Group		
Experience, Strength & Hope			Shores of Sobriety		
Forest Group			Sisters of Serenity		
Forest Men's Group		40.00	Sober Yankees		75.87
Fort McCoy Group	3.83	23.83	Start A New Life		
Fountain of Gratitude			Stop Whining & Sober Up		333.00
Freedom House			Strength In Numbers		43.27
Free To Be	50.00	50.00	Summerfield Group		
Fresh Start			Sundae Social Group		
Grace Group			TLC Group		
Grateful Gals	15.50	15.50	Thursday Night Step Group		
Grupo Mano Abierta	20.00	20.00	Together We Can		
Happy Hour Group			We Give Up		
Happy, Joyous & Free	211.25	1018.74	We Give Thanks	14.00	14.00
Headstart Group		110.26	Weir Crazy	31.00	61.00
Healing Group			Young People's Group	295.00	295.00
Heavy Hitters (Men's)			District 17		
Heavy Hitters (Women's)			Birthday Club	132.00	132.00
Into Action Group			Individuals members	7.01	41.67
It's In The Book					
It's Not Them Group			Total	1241.82	4481.49

How Groups and Individuals Support the Work of AA

Below is the example of allocation of group contributions provided by AA World Services in the information pamphlet:*

**"SELF-SUPPORT:
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- 50% Intergroup District 17 Inc.**
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6035 E. Tudor St.
New York, NY 10164
- 10% North Florida Area Conference**
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Melbourne, FL 32936-0831
- 10% District 17**
P.O. Box 3081
Ocala, FL 34478

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District 17 Committee Chairs

- DCM-Carson F.
- Alt. DCM-Doug L.
- Secretary-Vacant
- Treasurer-Peter G.
- Registrar-Rick D.
- Archives-Kim Mc.
- Treatment-James M.
- Women's Corrections-Lori M.
- Men's Corrections-Frank B.
- Literature-Ken W.
- CPC/PI-Max R.
- Accessibilities-Ginger H.
- Bridging the Gap-Diane I.
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Secretary
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Next Meeting. All Welcome.
Thursday, October 31, 6:45 pm

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A.A. History in October

- Oct 1, 1941 - Local news reports 1st A Group in New Haven, CT. 1957 - Book "A.A. Comes of Age" published.
 - Oct 2, 1944 - Marty M. founded National Committee Education Alcoholism, later became National Council on Alcoholism.
 - Oct 3, 1945 - AA Grapevine adopted as national publication of AA.
 - Oct 5-7, 1972 - 2nd World Service meeting held in New York.
 - Oct 5, 1988 - Lois W. died.
 - Oct 6, 1941 - 900 dine at Cleveland dinner for Bill D., AA #3.
 - Oct 8, 1988 - Memorial Service for Lois W. at Stepping Stones, NY.
 - Oct. 9-11, 1969 - 1st World Service meeting held in New York with delegates from 14 countries.
 - Oct 10, 1943 - 6 of 1st 9 AA's attend cluhouse anniversary in Toledo.
1970 - Lois reads "Bills Last Message" at annual dinner in NY.
1988 - Lois is buried next to Bill in Manchester, Vermont.
 - Oct 13, 1947 - The Melbourne Group held its first meeting in Australia.
 - Oct 14, 1939 - Journal of American Medical Association gives Big Book unfavorable review.
 - Oct 15, 1904 - Marty M., early AA woman, is born in Chicago.
 - Oct 17, 1935 - Ebby T., Bills sponsor, moves in with Bill and Lois.
 - Oct 20, 1928 - Bill wrote promise to Lois in family Bible to quit drinking. By Thanksgiving added second promise.
1939 - Cleveland Plain Dealer begins series of articles on AA by Elrick Davis.
 - Oct 22, 1963 - E. M. Jellinek, alcoholism educator and AA friend dies.
 - Oct 24, 1942 - L.A. Times reports AA groups in 14 California cities.
1943 - Bill & Lois start 1st major A.A. tour, returned Jan 19, 1944.
1973 - Trustee's Archives Committee of AA has its 1st meeting.
1994 - National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence celebrates 50 years.
- Other significant events in October for which we do not have a specific date:**
- Oct 1939 - First central committee formed in Cleveland; 1st example of A.A. rotation.
 - Oct 1936 - Bill C. a Canadian alkier staying at Bill's house, committed suicide using a gas stove.
 - Oct 1942 - First issue of Cleveland Central Bulletin is published.
 - Oct 1944 - First non American branch started in Sydney, Australia by Father T. V. Dunlea & Rex.
 - Oct 1951 - Sister Ignatia wrote "Care of Alcoholics - St. Thomas Hospital & A.A.

Started Movement Which Swept Country" article in *Hospital Progress* the journal of Catholic Hospital Association.

- Oct 1954 - The "Alcoholic Foundation" renamed the "General Service Board of A.A."
- Oct 1958 - Playhouse 90 TV airs *The Days of Wine and Roses*.



The "Pink Can" Facts about contributions. Intended purpose. Two reasons why it exists.

As stated in the Corrections Workbook and other Corrections literature, the only purpose for the "pink can" funds is to provide GSO Conference approved literature to those confined behind the walls.

District 17 Correctional Institutions includes Men's and Women's Marion County Correctional Prisons, which have 3 AA programs behind their walls. The Marion County Jail has 2 AA programs behind their walls. There are 2 primary reasons for the A.A.'s Corrections service structure as described in the Corrections Workbook and other related materials.

1. Before 1977 the AA Corrections service structure fell under H & I (hospitals and institutions) and the home groups were trying to carry as many meetings behind the walls as possible. Due to the overwhelming requests for volunteers, the groups were not able to keep up with the requests for AA meetings.
2. The groups were funding their needs for literature via the District funds which was too much for them to handle.

Hence the Corrections service structure was formed. Due to the short fall of funds needed from H & I, the idea of the "pink can" was borrowed from California. Thus bringing AA GSO Conference approved literature to alcoholics behind the walls.

Throughout the country the states' areas, districts, and groups group conscience voted to support corrections work in this way. The "pink can" funds were never, nor are they now intended for any other purpose. The optimum words are "behind the walls," which means those solely incarcerated in prisons and jails. All other entities fall under the guise of H & I

(Treatment Programs). The difference between the two are that the incarcerated inmates do not have the luxury of going to outside meetings, gaining outside sponsors, or have the liberty to purchase GSO Conference approved literature. The Treatment Facilities in District 17 are all free standing establishments, which affords them the opportunities that the inmate behind the walls does not have. Therefore it is very important to maintain the integrity of the "pink can" funds.

For those groups that participate in passing the "pink can" the District 17 Corrections Committee and those inmates behind the walls give you our highest regard and gratitude. For those that do not participate or do not have a pink can they are available through Frank B. or Lori M. (Corrections Chairs) or at the Intergroup office. I humbly ask that you attempt to get your groups to participate.

Many A.A. members are unaware of the important work being carried out by Corrections Committees. To those involved, however, Corrections work is an opportunity to carry the A.A. message to the confined alcoholic who wants to live sober, one day at a time. Through a Corrections Committee working with Corrections personnel, alcoholics are reached who might never otherwise find the A.A. program. For those who wish to become a Corrections Representative for their home group contact Frank B. or Lori M. through Intergroup.

In grateful service,
Lori M. & Frank B.

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