

The Voice



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Office Hours
10-5 M-F
10-2 Sat.
Closed Sun.

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24 Hour Hotline

Corrections Service Work

---Former Corrections Chair, District 17

The time frame was January 2000, and I had just celebrated my first year of sobriety. I knew that it was time to get involved with service if I were to stay sober. I was approached by a senior member in the program if I would consider carrying the message behind the walls at the Marion County Institution for men. At first I thought that this type of service work was not for me as I had never been incarcerated and had nothing to offer. In any event, I began going to the prison every Monday evening and found out that I did have a message of hope and recovery if they were willing to work the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Over the past several years I have come to realize that I am no different than they are and that I could be serving time as they are if I had been caught for the many times I drank and drove. I have received far more than I have given and consider this service work a vital part of my sobriety. I have never felt threatened at anytime while participating at a meeting and have always been warmly received. If interested in this type of service, contact Intergroup and the staff will direct you on what to do. This is truly a great way to carry the message. *Bob L.*



7th Tradition Addresses - How groups and individuals support the work of Alcoholics Anonymous

*Below is the financial guideline AA World Services suggests to groups that have an Intergroup office in their area.**

50% Intergroup District 17
3666A NE 25th Street
Ocala, FL 34470
Checks payable to:
Intergroup District 17,
Inc.

30% General Service Office
P.O. Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10164
Checks payable to: GSO

10% North Florida Area Conference
P.O. Box 360831
Melbourne, FL 32936
Checks payable to: NFAC

10% District 17
P.O. Box 3081
Ocala, FL 34478
Checks payable to:
District 17

**From the pamphlet *Where Money & Spirituality Mix*, AA General Service Conference-approved literature*

AA's Twelve Steps are principles for personal recovery. **The Twelve Traditions** ensure the unity of the Fellowship. The **Twelve Concepts** for World Service provide a group of related principles to help ensure that various elements of AA's service structure remain responsive and responsible to those they serve.

Step Eight: "Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all." **Tradition Eight:** "Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers." **Concept Eight:** The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities. The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the AA purse for final effectiveness.



Look Who's Celebrating Years of Sobriety!

Carry This Message

4th Dimension

Frank W. - 24

Happy, Joyous, & Free

Gabe P. - 32

Michael M. - 23

Leroy M. - 19

Winnie B. - 13

John G. - 12

Kim S. - 7

James F. - 7

Pamela S. - 5

Ashlee S. - 4

Toni Marie C. - 3

Marcia P. - 2

Jennifer M. - 2

Debbie R. - 2

Chris H. - 2

Beverly B. - 2

Laurie A. - 1

Jeff G. - 1

Headstart

Andy R. - 7

Carl J. - 2

Christelle J. - 2

Mac - 1

Mary M. - 1

David C. - 1

John C. - 1

Living Sober

John W. - 26

Rose B. - 16

Rita W. - 10

Shirley M. - 7

Angela G. - 2

Jim S. - 1

Chris G. - 1

One Day at a Time

Tim D. - 32

Mary B. - 36

New Attitudes

Dave B. - 36

John M. - 5

Sober Yankees

Joyce P. - 20

Joy R. - 3

DEADLINE

FOR ALL

SUBMISSIONS

FOR

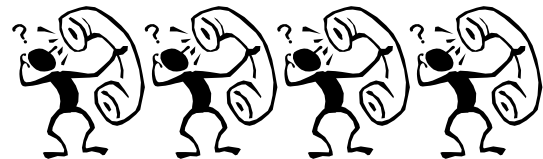
SEPTEMBER:

AUGUST 19th

Birthday Plan Contribution – Ocala Group -- \$100.00 – Thank you!

Participate in The Birthday Plan - In grateful celebration of their sobriety birthdays, many A.A. members contribute one dollar 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. Also, a receipt and 'thank you' letter will be sent to your group.

| GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS | 2013 | JUNE |
|---------------------------------------|------|-------------------|
| Breakfast Club | | \$300.00 |
| Forest Men's Group | | \$40.00 |
| Happy, Joyous, & Free | | \$456.56 |
| Headstart | | \$110.26 |
| Joy of Living | | \$120.00 |
| Ocala Group | | \$116.47 |
| One Day at a Time | | \$300.00 |
| Sober Yankees | | \$75.87 |
| Stop Whining & Sober Up | | \$333.00 |
| Strength in Numbers | | \$43.37 |
| Weir Crazy | | \$30.00 |
| TOTAL GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS | | \$1,927.50 |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS | | \$34.66 |
| TOTAL JUNE CONTRIBUTIONS | | \$1962.19 |



Intergroup Office Calls (June)

Meeting information - 108

Office Transactions - 75

Visitors - 30

12 Step - 1

Misc. - 95

Al-Anon - 4

Grapevine Factoid

In 1979, the GSC recommended that Grapevine representatives recommend to their groups that they sponsor subscriptions, where possible, for institutions, treatment facilities, and professionals being "sponsored."

Did you know that Intergroup collects old Grapevine issues? We distribute them as recommended in this Grapevine Factoid. Would you or your home group consider donating a subscription?

Our most sincere condolences go out to the family and friends of Ron Q. from the Belleview Eye Opener who passed away in June. He helped many people in their years of sobriety and will be greatly missed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please Help! Volunteers Needed For the 24 Hour Hotline

Open shift: Fri., 5:00pm – 10:00am

Duties include answering phone and providing information such as meeting times, location and phone numbers
(All 12 step work is handled by 12 step volunteers **not** the hotline volunteers)

Hotline volunteers must have a minimum of one year of sobriety – **Please call (352) 867-0660**



New meeting

Bellevue Noon Group
St. Paul Parish
National Church
5245 SE 112th St. 34420
Open Discussion

New meeting

Free to Be Group
Thursday 8:00pm CATS
730 SE Osceola Ave.
34471-4205
Open Meditation

New format

Sober Yankees
Our Redeemer
Lutheran 5200 SW State
Rd. 200 Ocala, 34474
5:45pm 1st Tues. Open
Traditions, 2nd Tues.
Open Grapevine
3rd Tues. Open Step
4th Tues. Open
Speaker/Anniversary,
5th Tues.
Open Discussion

Needs support

Experience, Strength, &
Hope Group
Friday 8:00pm
1st Fri. Speaker
Dessert social to follow
Church of Christ 2750
SE Maricamp Rd.
34471-5583
Cancelled meeting
Ocala Group
Wed. 8pm
Open Discussion

Name change

Marion Oaks Twelve
Step Group
to the Now What
Group

Living Sober Group
Speaker: Ruby G. from
Gainesville
August 11, 7:30pm
First Congregational
United Church of
Christ 7171 SW State
Rd. 200 34476-7055



All meetings at Unity Place are now listed as HC in the
Where and When which means full handicap access is available.

A.A. History in August

Aug 1, 1943 - Washington Times-Herald (DC) reports on AA clubhouse, to protect anonymity withholds address.

Aug 3, 1954 - Brinkley S. gets sober at Towns Hospital after 50th detox.

Aug 8, 1879 - Dr. Bob born in St. Johnsbury, VT.

Aug 9, 1943 - LA groups announce 1000 members in 11 groups.

Aug 11, 1938 - Akron & NY members begin writing stories for Big Book.

Aug 15, 1890 - E. M. Jellinek is born, author of "The Disease Concept of Alcoholism" and the "Jellinek Curve".

Aug 16, 1939 - Dr Bob and Sister Ignatia admit first alcoholic to St. Thomas Hospital, Akron, Ohio.

Aug 18, 1988 - 1st Canadian National AA Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Aug 19, 1941 - 1st AA Meeting in Colorado is held in Denver.

Aug 25, 1943 - AA group donates Big Book to public library in Quincy, MA.

Aug 26, 1941 - Bill writes Dr Bob to tell him Works Publishing has been incorporated.

Aug 28, 1954 - *24 Hours a Day* is published by Richmond W.

Other significant events in August for which we do not have a specific date:

1934: Rowland H and Cebra persuade court to parole Ebby T. to them.

1939: Dr. Bob wrote & may have signed article for Faith magazine.

1941: 1st meeting in Orange County, California held in Anaheim.

1981: Sales of the Big Book passes 3 million.



2ND ANNUAL SERENITY SCRAMBLE

“We aren’t a glum lot... We absolutely insist on enjoying life”

(Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th Edition, page 132, reprinted with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.)

Why do we have the Serenity Scramble?

The 2nd Annual Serenity Scramble is a fund raiser for Intergroup District 17, Inc. It is also, importantly, a day of fun and fellowship. As it says in the Big Book, “We aren’t a glum lot....We absolutely insist on enjoying life.”The primary source of operating funds comes from the voluntary contributions of groups in Marion County. Group contributions are down. At the same time, Intergroup’s operating expenses continue. So it is through fund-raising events such as the Serenity Scramble that we supplement our revenues to continue to operate and serve.



How can I get involved, even if I don’t play golf?

Lunch-Only Option

If you’re not a golfer but would like to participate in the day of fellowship or support your golfer spouse, significant other, or friends after the tournament, we offer a lunch-only option as to include everyone in the fun.

Hole Sponsorship

Individuals, Groups, or Golf Foursomes can sponsor a hole. The minimum suggested amount for a Hole Sponsorship is \$100. Many groups vote to pass a second basket to raise the Hole Sponsorship donation. 100% of the Hole Sponsorship donations go directly to Intergroup—none of those donations are used to pay for the tournament. Each group, individual, or foursome who sponsors a hole will receive recognition at the tournament with signage on the hole.

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to insure the success of the tournament, and based on prior Serenity Scrambles, the volunteers have as much fun as the golfers. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Intergroup office, **352.867.0660**. You will definitely be contacted by one of the Committee members.

Other Donations

Remember that unlike other golf tournaments, we in AA are self supporting through our own contributions. We cannot approach businesses or individuals outside of AA as is done with other golf tournaments.

So even if you don’t play golf, you can participate in the Serenity Scramble and benefit your Intergroup by making a donation for prizes or merchandise. Any donations received above and beyond the cost of the merchandise will go directly to Intergroup.

