

CENTRAL OFFICE OF MARION COUNTY
Intergroup 17

The Voice

July, August & September



To all our Ocala/Marion County AA members and friends:

Since January 1st of this year, we at Central Office (dba as Intergroup 17) have worked steadily to develop further our mission to improve how we serve you. We have:

1. Updated the Intergroup 17 name to “Central Office AA of Marion County” and we have revised the By-laws which were first drafted 30 years ago.
2. Installed a new modernized computer program to control all office inventory and finances.
3. Hired a new Office Manager, Gail W (31 yrs.—*It’s Not Them Group*), please come by and say ‘hello’ to her.
4. Worked with a determined effort to obtain needed volunteers

With this much accomplished, there is still a good deal left to be done as we seek better ways to serve you -

Your trusted servants and volunteers of Central Office AA of Marion County. Steering Committee Chair, James N.

Represent your group at the upcoming Intergroup meetings:

September 24th @ 3:30pm
October 29 @3:30pm
St. Mark’s United Methodist
1839 NE 8th Road
Ocala, FL 34470

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, for each year of sobriety to:

Intergroup 17
1815 NE 19th Ave., Ste B
Ocala, Florida 34478

WORDS OF WISDOM

(We invite members to contribute to voice with your experience, strength and hope as it relates to the steps — Next Quarter (10, 11, and 12)

A MEMBER’S VOICE —

Step 7— Humbly ask Him to remove our shortcomings.

By this time in my program, I have developed a living, working relationship with the God of my understanding. I reach out to ask for help, for assistance. I am all too familiar with self-sufficiency and thinking that I have to do all the work. Well, I have learned the hard way that I need help — and when I do — I need to ask. This step, as simple as it is for this recovering alcoholic, can make it difficult. I recall many years ago when I went to an AA retreat and the retreat master spoke about Step 7.

He used the example of a large tree that had fallen across the road, blocking passage. The tree was being used as an example of our shortcomings. In asking God to move the tree (my shortcoming) out of the way — and I need to always remind myself that I ask Humbly — I may then change how I think or act.

This example has shown me over and over again that I can reduce or eliminate my shortcomings, one day at a time. The Seventh Step, prayer, is very beautiful and offers to me unconditional love and acceptance from my Higher Power, something that I needed to continue to heal.

Kate S (34 yrs.—Start A New Life Group)

Greetings from District 17 NFACAA!!!

Do you like AA trivia?

Question 1: What is District 17?

- A geographical territory for use by AAWS to exchange information to and from groups (and thereby AAs as a whole.) Presently, Marion County less Dunnellon.

Question 2: What is NFACCA an acronym for?

- North Florida Area Conference of Alcoholic Anonymous. This consists of Area 14 (North Florida), and District 17 (one of 33 districts within area 14.)

Question 3: Why is the district level of service there? In a nutshell:

- Your home group elects a **GSR**. That GSR attends the District meeting, bringing your group conscience and other AA info there.
- The District elects a DCM (presently Ken W.) That DCM attends the area assembly (along with you), bringing your group conscience, the district conscience, and other AA info there.
- The Area Assembly elects a Delegate (presently Joyce C.) She attends the annual Conference in New York (every April), bringing your group conscience, District conscience, Area conscience and other AA info there.
- The Delegate brings info from AAWS and other areas through their delegates from the conference back to the area assembly DCMs and **GSRs**.
- The DCM and **GSRs** take that info from the Area assembly back to the district.
- The **GSRs** take that info from the district back to their home groups.

This is how the groups best communicate to and from AAWS. Do you see why the GSR is so important in the AA service structure?

The district does much more, more on that next month. Other future topics: When and how to rotate, applying concepts, service sponsorship, attendance, how to report at a business meeting. Any questions.

NEXT DISTRICT MEETING: Thursday, August 31, 2017
6:00-6:30pm *Service Manual Study*
6:45-8:00pm *District Business (GSR)*
All are welcome to attend!!!!

In Love and Service,

Ken W — 352-615-0362 — ken_wardd@msn.com

ps—I'm also at Ocala Central Office/Intergroup 17 every Tuesday, 2-5pm if you'd like to visit and chat.

Calendar of events and meetings of interest

**31st
Tampa Bay Fall Roundup
Action Is The Key Word
September 1-4, 2017**

**Registration online at:
www.tampabayfallroundup.com**

Flyer @ Central Office (Intergroup 17)
1815 NE 19th Avenue, Ste B, Ocala, FL

1st ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY

As Bill Sees It Belleview Group
St. Paul's Parrish, 5245 SE 112th St.
(on 441/301 in Belleview)

September 17th @ 7pm

"Shotgun Speakers' Session"

SAVE THE DATE



**Central Office (Intergroup 17)
Fall Picnic**

*Volleyball, Corn Hole, Good Food
Horse shoes, children's games and speaker*

Saturday, October 7, 2017

Carney Island Park, Little Lake Weir

Watch for tickets in the upcoming weeks

Join the 1st Planning Committee meeting at Central Office on September 1st @ 5:30pm.

**11th STEP RETREAT
for AA and AL-non**

**September 22-24, 2017
Ellenton, FL**

FLORIDA UNITY ROUNDUP

*October 6, 7 & 8, 2017
Jacksonville, FL*

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SAVE THE DATE

**District 17 Gratitude Dinner
November 18, 2017**

**9th Anniversary celebration
Start a New Life group**

**First Christian Church, 1908 E Fort King St.
October 26th—10am-1pm**

Flyers will be available at Central Office



**24-Hour hotline
352-867-0660**

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Hours of operation
Monday-Friday 10 am to 5 pm
Saturday 10 am to 2 pm
Phones are always open 24/7
The Central Office will be closed on
Monday September 4th for Labor day**

<u>Group Contributions</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Lunch Bunch	1.27	186.92	21.00
Breakfast Club	500.00	30.00	500.00
Happy, Joyous & Free	167.20	22.49	338.51
Anonymity Group	20.48		4.00
One Day at a Time	200.08	121.46	360.17
Headstart	1.00	183.65	15.00
Free to Be	3.95		103.00
The Centers	.60		
Keep It Simple	4.65		56.00
AA at the Garden	.		22.00
Belleview Group	60.00	5.35	12.84
All Inclusive Altering Egos	52.00		
All You Need	45.00		
Belleview Eye Opener	51.60		109.62
Forest Group			41.02
Alive and Well	40.00		17.66
The Who 4th Dimension	2.00	23.00	122.09
Sober Yankees	100.00		
Fountain of Gratitude			23.00
God's Way Group			11.10
Into Action 4th Dimension			79.00
It's Not Them		22.00	14.77
Last Call Group			52.00
New Attitudes			77.15
No Name Group			20.00
Primary Purpose			64.00
Weir Crazy Group		214.12	136.91
Women's Heavy Hitters			11.00
Fort McCoy Group		13.00	
Grace Group		20.00	20.00
Thursday Night Step		100.00	
11th Step Group		100.00	
TOTAL	1273.28	1041.99	2231.84

<i>Intergroup Office</i>	July 2017
12 Step	3
Meeting Info	50
Office Trans.	75
Miscellaneous	44
Al-Anon	1

Birthdays
The list below is obviously incomplete. Please submit your group's names in the following format to the Central Office by email preferably by September 20th for the Oct-Dec Voice.

<u>JULY</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
John G	10
Dawn K	4
<u>AUGUST</u>	
Linda Mc	3
Simone	40
Tim D	36
Don P	33
Paulie	17
Jimmie F	6
Mike M	37
Kate S	34
Kathy L	44
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	
Bob S	45
Wes J	2