

The Voice



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Message from Steering Committee Chair:

Happy New Year Everyone,

Each of us at Central Office are looking forward to a year filled with hope and service. Our activities co-chairs have been busy pre-planning this year's events and announcements for time and place of the planning committee meetings will be coming out soon. Getting active with other alcoholics doing AA Service functions is a great way to get to know people outside of meetings.

Also, we hope that you will drop by the office if you need AA literature, or if you would like to speak with another alcoholic. Our volunteers would love to put the coffee pot on and share their experience, strength and hope with you.

We encourage groups to elect a Central Office (Intergroup) Representative and have them attend our monthly meetings, so that groups can stay informed on what's happening in our district.

Sincerely,
Judy L.— Steering Committee Chair

Step 1— "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable."

Tradition 1— "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on A.A. unity."

Tradition 1 (Long Form) - "Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence, our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward."

Concept 1— The final responsibility and the ultimate authority of A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship."





A MEMBER'S VOICE - Step 1 – Arlene H

I recently celebrated 40 years of recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous. Thinking back to my powerlessness over alcohol and my life being very unmanageable, I knew it was killing me, but did not know how to stop. I did not care about myself. I did not have the power to stop drinking, but was my life unmanageable? Yes, it was unmanageable! I had no life and I could barely take care of my three children, home and husband. I only lived to drink.

And on one significant day, the pastor of my church showed me to Step 1 – yes, I am an alcoholic that needed help and with the guidance of my Higher Power and A.A., I could put the drink down, one day at a time.

I am not like other people who can stop after one or two drinks. The first drink for me starts a phenomenon of craving as stated in the Alcoholic Anonymous Big Book.

“All these, and many others, have one symptom in common, they cannot start drinking without developing the phenomenon of craving. This phenomenon, as we have suggested, may be the manifestation of an allergy which differentiates these people, and sets them apart as an distinct entity. It has never been by any treatment with which we are familiar, permanently eradicated. The only relief we have to suggest is entire abstinence.”

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AA has given me my God, myself, my family and friends of Bill W all over the world. I am blessed, grateful and recovering, one day at a time. Keep coming back, it works, if you work it. We all are worth it.

WORDS OF WISDOM

We invite members to contribute to The Voice with your experience, strength and hope, as it relates to the steps. The next Voice will be out the week of February 12th (*and continue on a monthly basis*), please submit for the February issue by **Monday, February 5, 2018** by emailing to: aaocalaintergroup@gmail.com



“What it was like?”

“What happened?”

“What it is like now?”



Calendar of Events

*Celebrate 2 BBSS Anniversaries
(St. Augustine & Jacksonville Thursday)*

Saturday, February 17, 2018 (1-4pm)

Potluck Lunch with 4 Speakers

Memorial Lutheran Church, 3375 US-1 South, St. Augustine, FL 32086
Main Course and Drinks will be provided—bring food to share



4th Annual Florida AA ARCHIVES WORKSHOP

February 24, 2018 (9am – 4pm)

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 3377 Aloma Ave, Winter Park, FL 32792
(\$15/person Registration, includes LUNCH)

*Please send your registration information and check to:
DISTRICT 30 Treasurer, PO Box 24223, Jacksonville, FL 32257*

Represent your group at the next
INTERGROUP Meeting

**Last Sunday of the month
3:30 pm @**

**St. Mark's United Methodist
1839 NE 8th Road
Ocala, FL 34470**

DISTRICT 17 MEETINGS

(held last Thursday of the month @ 6:45pm)

*Unity Place, 525 NE Sanchez Ave,
Ocala, FL*

**Prior to the meeting is a 6pm
Service Manual study**

GROUP	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D
A Light in Citra		\$21.00		\$ 20.00
11th Step Group	\$200.00			\$ 400.00
AA at the Garden				\$.60
Alive and Well				\$ 40.00
All Inclusive Altering Egos	\$50.00			\$ 152.00
All You Need			\$45.00	\$ 225.00
Anonymity	\$15.14	\$ 7.59		\$ 77.21
Attitude Adjustment				\$.88
Belleview As Bill Sees It				\$ 56.69
Belleview Group				\$ 139.58
Belleview Eye Opener			\$50.24	\$ 217.84
Birthday Club	\$15.00	\$40.00	\$62.00	\$ 596.00
Breakfast Club	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$ 3,543.22
By the Book				\$ -
Cabin in the Woods				\$ 250.00
Came to Believe	\$50.00		\$20.00	\$ 70.00
Carry the Message 4th Dimension				\$ -
Complete Abandon				\$ 2.00
Conscious Contact				\$ -
District 17			\$ 2.00	\$ 38.68
District 17 Storage				\$ 375.00
Emotional Balance				\$ 325.00
Eureka Group				\$ -
Experience Strength & Hope				\$ 2.35
Free to Be				\$ 157.22
Fort McCoy		\$ 0.44		\$ 13.44
Forest Men's Group				\$ 61.79
Fountain of Gratitude				\$ 24.46
God's Way				\$ 0.39
Grace Group	\$20.00	\$ 20.00	\$20.00	\$ 140.00
Grateful Gals			\$52.50	\$ 199.50
Happy, Joyous, & Free	\$111.00			\$ 1,094.11
Headstart		\$ 230.01		\$ 1,227.65
Healing Group				\$ 100.00
Heavy Hitters				\$ -
Individual	\$ 7.90	\$ 25.14	\$ 8.85	\$ 416.45
Into Action 4th Dimension Group				\$ 159.00
It's Not Them				\$ 25.12
Keep It Simple				\$ 4.65
Last Call				\$ 8.69
Living Sober			\$790.00	\$ 790.00
Lunch Bunch		\$ 60.00		\$ 311.26
New Attitudes		\$ 2.88		\$ 2.88
No Name Group		\$ 20.00		\$ 91.79
Now What Group				\$ -

GROUP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Y-T-D
Ocala Group				\$ 70.85
Ocala Men's Group				\$ 600.00
One Day at a Time	\$150.00	\$ 305.51	\$ 0.18	\$ 2,099.57
Perspective II				\$ -
Primary Purpose		\$ 68.00		\$ 257.79
Rainbow Group				\$ -
Shores of Sobriety				\$ 1.00
Start A New Life			\$ 0.47	\$ 39.45
Step Right Up				\$ -
Stop Whining & Sober Up			\$ 0.37	\$ 150.37
Strength in Numbers				\$ -
Sober Yankees			\$ 139.57	\$ 292.56
The Healing Group				\$ -
The Who 4th Dimension Group				\$ 205.51
Thursday Night Step Group				\$ 200.00
TLC				\$ -
Unity Place				\$ -
Unity, Service, & Recovery				\$ -
We Give Up	\$196.14			\$ 306.55
Weir Crazy				\$ 414.30
Women's Heavy Hitters			\$ 0.30	\$ 0.30
Young People's Group				\$ 203.00
Total	\$ 1,315.18	\$ 800.57	\$ 1,691.48	\$ 16,202.70

*Thank you to all who contributed to
Central Office of Marion County
Intergroup (District 17)*

The GSO Pamphlet
*Self-support;
Where Money and Spiritually Mix*

50% to Central Office/Intergroup 17
(1815 NE 19th Ave., Ste B, Ocala, FL 34470)

10% to District 17
(P.O. Box 3081, Ocala, FL 34478)

30% to General Service Office
*(PO Box 459, Grand Central Station,
New York, NY 10163)*

10% to Area 14
*(NFAC, 5703 Red Bug Lake Rd, #241,
Winter Springs, FL 32708)*



BIRTHDAYS for JANUARY 2018

(This list could be incomplete.) Please submit your group member names and sober years in the following format to the Central Office by email aaocalaingroup@gmail.com (by first week in February) For February Issue of The Voice

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
One Day at a Time	Sue H	32	Bellevue Group	Heidi L	17
	Glenna	7		John S	4
	Kathy F	1			
			New Attitudes	Ron K	18
Living Sober	Sue P	8		Neil F	11
	Lauren S	1		Alonzo K	11
	Mark B	1		Merri B	6
Head Start	John D	24			
	Ron D	2			
	Dane J	4			
Sober Yankees	Barbara T	42			
	Jourene P	37			
Primary Purpose	Joe T	41			
	Ralph W	41			
	Judy D	33			
	Jim G	27			

Celebrate Your SobrietyJoin the Birthday Plan

History of the Birthday Plan...

The 1955 General Service Conference approved the Birthday Plan, under which members of the Fellowship send a dollar a year for each year of sobriety they have in AA. Others use a figure of \$3.65, a penny a day for each year. Some give more, but the amount cannot exceed \$3,000 for any year. Contributors will be recognized in the monthly **Voice**.



**24-Hour hotline
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**Hours of operation
Monday-Friday 10 am to 5 pm
CLOSED SAT & SUN**

Intergroup Numbers	December 2017
12 Step	7
Meeting Info	65
Office Trans.	52
Miscellaneous	21
Visitor	18
Al-Anon	2

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