

# Asking For Help & Then Following Directions

Having to ask for help was always a source of shame and embarrassment. I grew up with the impression that a real man should be tough, self-reliant, and should know everything. Then the unkind disease of alcoholism took its toll which essentially isolated me from society altogether. Soon, pessimism and defiance became a way of life: anyone who mentioned that I might need help would be immediately rejected (and avoided if possible). It was only the grace of God that landed me in a treatment center where, once again, I was offered help. I learned that I could accept direction even if I did not agree with it. I soon came to believe that the instructions were sound and wise....

My sponsor helped me with that "trust" problem. How could I take direction from anyone if I could not trust them? He suggested that if I would attend regular meetings regularly, get a home group, and connect to service work that I would build a "team" of guys to whom I would be accountable. For someone who was once totally isolated, this was absolutely essential to "re-socialize" this alcoholic. All of the sudden I had the experience of countless years of sobriety readily available to me! As I worked my way through the steps I realized that this was (and still is) a priceless asset- no problem or mistake I could come up with that hadn't been dealt with many times before.

The 4th and 5th steps certainly enlightened me as to the grave nature of the alcoholic personality- that I was (among other things) self-centered, angry, defiant, dishonest, inconsiderate, and that my feelings were easily hurt. I knew that my parents brought me up better than that! This was the heartbreaking truth that prepared me for accepting more intensive help. I suspected that God in steps 6 and 7 would relieve me of these character defects, but I also knew that I would have to do my part and that would take time and good orderly direction. Thank God for good and patient sponsors!

Still there was the problem of my own "self-will". I would approach a problem with a set of instructions and only use the information that suited me or was convenient. The ninth step is a prime example: for each person on the 8th step list my and I sponsor made a plan and a course of action. He certainly did not indicate that I can change that plan at will. He also was clear about which people on that list that should never be contacted- my amends would be to not inflict further damage. So the "help" thing was really three distinct parts- asking for help, listening to the suggested course of action, and then following the directions.

The big picture emerged when I finally realized that I survived the ravishes of alcoholism only by the grace of God and that He is in charge. Many of my own decisions in the past have been potentially lethal, and I freely accept the fact that I actually need assistance and direction with basic living skills. That's humbling in itself! Asking for help is almost always a gift to the person asked: clearly being of humble service is one of the highest possible goals for a spiritual person. When I refuse to ask for help (or allow someone to be of service) I hurt them as well as myself. Most of all I humbly ask for God's help on a regular basis and I get that help! It's always there for the asking.....

~Anonymous



**(Remember change is a process, not an event.)**



# Community News

Summertime is here and there is TONS of Sober fun in our area! Get out and get involved!

- **Lawtey Primary Purpose Group 11th Annual Spaghetti Dinner** - Saturday 8/04 doors open at 4:00 at the Bradford County Fairgrounds 2300 North Temple Avenue, Starke FL 32091. Contact J.T. @ (386) 623-2564. Tickets \$10 in advance.
- **Committee Meeting for Gratitude Dinner** - Monday 8/13th @ 6:00 pm at the Intergroup Office. It takes a village to put this on, and here are some of the positions that still need volunteers: Emcee(s), Guest Speaker Committee, Cake Auction Committee, Graphic Designers for flyers and tickets, Ticket Sales, 50/50 raffle, Kitchen Staffing, Turkey Preparers, Pot Luck Committee, Refreshments, Table Decorators, Door Hospitality, Desserts, Clean Up.
- **SERENITY in the Scenic City 2018** in Hixson, Tennessee - 8/17-19th. Sure to be a great weekend! See website for full flier with costs, registration, speakers, etc.
- Check out our new website @ [www.AAGainesville.org](http://www.AAGainesville.org) to view full fliers on all of these events, most up-to-date meeting schedules and more. Now even more mobile friendly, and combined with District 14... Our way of providing the best information to all of the sober community.
- **New deadline for ALL POST submissions** is now the 12th of each month. Please note that birthday submissions format is first name, last name initial with # years sober. Someone has an unusual name? Have them tell you how to spell instead of guessing ... Asking shows you care enough to get it right.

## Tradition 8

The Steps are HOW IT WORKS.

The Traditions are WHY IT WORKS.

*“Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.”*

As Bill Wilson explained in an editorial in 1948 On the 8th Tradition "Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. **We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire.** But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage non-alcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. "12th Step" work is never to be paid for."

What about those AA's that find employment in treatment centers or as alcohol counselors? They certainly have a right to make a living, however in the rooms of AA, and our 12th step calls it is vital that this comes from a place of one alcoholic to another. There is no stronger message of hope than "I know what you are going through because I have been there as well, and this is how I found my way to a better life."

In order to be able to free up alcoholics for 12th step work, it was found early on that hiring people to do tasks such as secretary, intergroup manager, even accountants to make sure we are keeping ourselves in order are all necessary positions and ought to be paid a fair wage. There just aren't enough volunteers to keep AA as an organization going.

My early sobriety was difficult. I loss someone I loved very much and my sponsor literally was a life-line for me. I remember thanking her and asking how I could ever repay her for being there for me - morning, noon and night. Her response said it all "You pay me back by paying it forward, be there for someone else". Classic AA. This is why it works.

# Congratulations!



## July Anniversaries

### Alachua Tuesday Group

BO - 15 yrs

### Downtown Group

CG - 1 yr

### Everything or Nothing

PN - 1 yr

KT - 6 yrs

BK - 29 yrs

WL - 32 yrs

### Eyeopener

MR - 8 yrs

SR - 26 yrs

MG - 15 yrs

MA - 1 yr

### Fourth Dimension

JD - 9 yrs

### Free To Be

DS - 1 yr

AO - 1 yr

LM - 28 yrs

WR - 30 yrs

### Gratitude Group

JS - 6 yrs

RM - 6 yrs

RT - 13 yrs

### Hawthorne

MM - 26 yrs

HA - 2 yrs

LS - 10 yrs

### Hampton Hole in the Wall

J - 25 yrs

### Melrose Happy Hour Group

DV - 20 yrs (May)

JS - 12 yrs (June)

PG - 25 yrs

HA - 2 yrs (July)

EB - 9 yrs

LM - 10 yrs

JS - 25 yrs

### Micanopy

MR - 36 yrs

ST - 10 yrs

### New Freedom

GW - 1 yr

MA - 1 yr

JC - 4 yrs

MG - 15 yrs

DG - 21 yrs

JP - 41 yrs

### Sat AM 10th/11th Step Group

LM - 8 yrs

HG - 10 yrs

S A - 1 yr

KM - 32 yrs

JF - 34 yrs

### Tuesday Night Step Study

MC - 25 yrs

SS - 7 yrs

NJ - 1 yr

TB - 1 yr

KP - 1 yr

### Women's Serenity Seekers

KM - 1 yr

PN - 1 yr

WR - 30 yrs

### Women's Step Study

AL - 6 yrs

## August Birthdays?

Send them by September 12th to:  
[Post@NorthCentralFLAA.org](mailto:Post@NorthCentralFLAA.org)

# 7th Tradition Addresses

### North Central Florida Intergroup

2632 NW 43rd Street, Suite 1182

Gainesville FL 32606-7551

(Checks payable to: NCFI)

### District 14

PO Box 357254

Gainesville, FL 32635-7254

(Checks payable to District 14)



### North Florida Area Assembly

5703 Red Bug Lake Road, Unit 241

Winter Springs, FL 32708

(Checks payable to NFAC)

### General Service Office

PO Box 459, Grand Central Station

NY, NY 10163

(Checks payable to GSO)

**Self-support: Where money and spirituality mix!**

# Step 8

*“Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.”*

This step is the start of my clearing the wreckage of my past. I look at my character defects in Step Four. Now I must look at how those defects affected others. In some cases, the damage may be considerable. I list the person and how I hurt them.

The important thing is simply to make a list. It is dangerous to delay this step. It may be hard to look at what I did, but honesty and thoroughness are critical. I cannot gloss over my bad behavior because of theirs. I am just making a list. Then I go over that list with my sponsor. My sponsor will help me group them into amends which should be made as soon as possible, amends which can be delayed and amends I owe, but which might cause more harm to the person involved. I may also have a list of people to whom I never intend to make amends, but hopefully through the process of working the steps, I will learn how to approach even those people.

In my experience, making this list is healing, as I look at the past in the context of a remedy for the for the wrongs I have done. I now have a way to deal with the guilt and shame I have carried during the years of my drinking. For me, making amends to my family, my spouse, my children, my siblings and my mother, had the highest priority. My forgiving them in my heart for any perceived wrongs allowed me to move forward. In each of those cases, the formal act has been less important than the continuous living amend. My behavior toward them is the amend. My attitude toward them has evolved, they have my love and just as important, my respect for each of them as individuals who are separate from me and thus can have their own opinions, imperfections, and lives. They do not need my constant input on how to behave or what to decide. My “new attitude” has brought me closer to my family. My gratitude for this change is overwhelming.

I have made amends outside my family as well. In almost all cases my friends received them with kindness and understanding. There are still amends to make as the list grows as the past becomes clearer. The list is the gift that keeps on growing as I “trudge the road toward happy destiny. ~ Anonymous



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| <p style="text-align: center;">It's easier<br/><b>to stay sober</b><br/>than to get sober</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Future topics:</b><br/> “Easy Does It, But DO IT!” September<br/> “Recovery Is a Journey, Not a Destination!” October<br/> “But For The Grace of GOD!” November</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Get Published!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Entry deadline is the <b>12th of each month.</b><br/> Send your topic articles, op-eds, opinions or cartoons to:<br/> <u><a href="mailto:Post@NorthCentralFLAA.org">Post@NorthCentralFLAA.org</a></u></p> |
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**DISTRICT 14***Serving Alachua County***DCM Corner**

Hello everyone,

I always feel especially grateful after attending **Area Assembly** and this weekend's Assembly was no exception. What an honor it is to be allowed to serve our fellowship in my role as your DCM (District Committee Member) and to witness and be a part of the inner workings of Alcoholics Anonymous. I am truly humbled.

Some of the most significant highlights we learned there were some 70+ agenda items discussed during this year's **68<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference**, three of which resulted in:

- Increasing the maximum annual contribution from AA members from \$3,000 to \$5,000.
- Allowing outside sales of Grapevine books and single issue magazines.
- Adapting Great Britain's "The God Word" pamphlet which will be available soon through GSO (General Service Office).

**Area 14** voted to budget funding to establish a separate website for *Bridging the Gap* which will allow us to tie into the national BTG database covering the United States and Canada.

In an effort to best use funds in excess of Area 14's Prudent Reserve, two motions were passed:

- Establish a \$3,000 scholarship fund to cover 6 rooms and allow 12 voting members to attend each of the four **Area Assemblies** in the coming year who would otherwise be unable to attend due to financial restrictions.
- Send a 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donation in the amount \$5,000 to GSO.

As always, District 14 was well-represented and I want to personally thank my Alternate DCM, GSRs, Alternate GSRs, and Service Committee Chairs who gave up their time to serve our District during the weekend. I could not do my job without you and I appreciate each and every one of you so very much.

If your home group does not currently have a GSR, please consider electing one so your group has a vote in matters concerning our District and Area. Our **District 14 meetings** are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6 pm at *Westminster Presbyterian Church* and are open to all. As always, please contact me with any questions or suggestions of how we can better serve our fellowship.

*Thank you for allowing me to serve,  
Pati C, DCM for District 14, (352) 281-5751*

# District 14 Service Committee Meetings

## District 14 Business Meeting

2nd Wednesday, 6:00 pm

Westminster Presbyterian Church

## Accessibilities

2nd Thursday, 6:00 pm

Books a Million (Newberry Rd)

## Archives

1st Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Triangle Club

## Corrections

3rd Tuesday, 6:00 pm

Triangle Club

## CPC/PI

1st Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Triangle Club

## Grapevine

3rd Monday @ 6:30 at the Triangle Club

Contact Robin G at [rockin46robin@yahoo.com](mailto:rockin46robin@yahoo.com) for more info.

## Literature

2nd Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Intergroup Office

## Phones (NCFI Committee)

2nd Tuesday, 5:00 pm

Intergroup Office

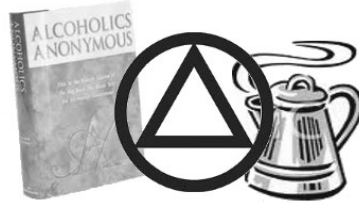
## Treatment

1st Monday, 6:30 pm

Triangle Club

Visit our combined District 14 & Intergroup website  
@ [www.AAGainesville.org](http://www.AAGainesville.org) for more information!

# NCFI



# North Central Florida Intergroup

Our office is located in

## Land Title Plaza

2632 NW 43rd Street

Building 1000, around back to 1182

Gainesville, FL 32606-7551

Telephone: 352-372-8091

Our office hours are:

Monday - Wednesday: 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Thursday - Friday: 2:00 - 6:00 pm

Saturday: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sunday: Closed



## POST Submissions

Send articles and anniversaries to

[Post@NorthCentralFLAA.org](mailto:Post@NorthCentralFLAA.org) or mail them to the NCFI office no later than the 12th of each month.

## Activities Submissions

Send information for all activities in the AA community to [Activities@AAGainesville.org](mailto:Activities@AAGainesville.org). If you want them to be announced in the POST they must be submitted by no later than the 12th of the month.

## Intergroup

Questions about AA in North Central Florida or to order large quantities of literature please contact [Gainesville.Intergroup@gmail.com](mailto:Gainesville.Intergroup@gmail.com).

### Our next Intergroup meeting

will be held on the last

Sunday of the month:

**August 26th @ 1:00**

At Schaffer Hall (2505 NE 9<sup>th</sup> Street)

Check out our new website @

# www.AAGainesville.org

### Correction:

*In the last POST the dates were incorrect on some of the dates that Intergroup will be closed. To clarify, Intergroup will be closed on the following holidays: **Independence Day** (July 4th), **Labor Day** (September 3rd), **Veteran's Day** (November 12th), **Thanksgiving Day** (November 22nd) and **Christmas Day** (December 25th). The editor apologizes for the misinformation and any confusion.*

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA INTERGROUP**  
24 JUNE 2018

**ATTENDANCE** – SR (secretary), KK (alt secretary), PB (treasurer), FS (office mgr), DO (POST), WM (webmaster), RM (alt webmaster), MP, JS, DH, TC, PM, ST, MB, BC, CH, BK, JH, JM, KM.

**MINUTES** – May minutes are on page 7 of the POST; read & approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – PB presented report on page 8 of the POST; Gratitude down payment of \$330.36 paid; \$1,500 transferred from Operating to Gratitude Reserve; approved.

**PHONE COMMITTEE** – SR presented (for SS); 1 vacant slot Saturday 9-11am but SS will be sure it's covered until position filled; request reps take to groups open position and need for backups.

**POST** – DO presented; request birthday submissions be in the format first name, last initial, & years of sobriety; POST still needs more writers - topics on page 3; FS announced Intergroup Office closed schedule on page 2 is wrong but will be corrected; ads on last page are first come first serve and if you know in advance please submit as early as possible; all deadlines for POST are due on 15<sup>th</sup>; Paula M asked about Intergroup Office hours and told they are on page 6; you can still make flyers and have them available at Intergroup or bring to the Sunday meetings but they are no longer stuffed into the POST.

**LITERATURE/MERCHANDISE** – FS stated office is fully stocked; Open House Rummage Sale for Intergroup on 7/15 1-4pm at office to sell merchandise; literature and other sales items are in QuickBooks; working on counting every item in office and volunteers requested (contact FS to be put on list).

**WHERE & WHEN** – FS meeting with printer on Monday (has had 6 meetings) and anticipates they will be ready toward the end of the week; any meeting changes may be submitted using the form online or the form at Intergroup office and will be applied to the next printing; meeting schedule on website is up to date; \$0.35/each.

**WEBSITE** – WM gave update on District 14 and Intergroup website being combined and will decrease website cost by almost half; domains [aanfldistrict14.org](http://aanfldistrict14.org) and [northcentralflaa.org](http://northcentralflaa.org) will now have [aagainesville.org](http://aagainesville.org) as the main landing page and can choose where to go from that main page; looks and feels more like District 14 webpage than Intergroup's. RM read the website agreement between District 14 and Intergroup that stated Intergroup will take over webhosting, District 14 owns the [aagainesville.org](http://aagainesville.org) domain name and that District 14 have input on website content; this was accepted. RM requests that groups talk more about the website at the start of the meeting and recommended the following verbiage be added to chairperson's intro format for meetings: We have pamphlets and Where and When's for free on the back table; books are for sale at cost; we also encourage you to visit the [aagainesville.org](http://aagainesville.org) website for the most up to date meeting schedule and list of published events.

**ACTIVITIES** – New Activities Chair will be discussed under new business; Intergroup Open House on 7/15; Triangle Club 7/4 speaker at 12:30 followed by food (please bring covered side dishes); 11/9 Gratitude Dinner at 6pm will be at Springhill Baptist Church on Waldo Road; cost has been \$15 but will be lowered to \$10.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Vote for chair and alternate chair. Nominees: GN for chairperson, MB and BC for alternate chair. MB withdrew his name. Voted and accepted GN for chairperson and BC for alternate chair. KM recommended that board members should have service sponsor and have intergroup rep experience.

**NEW BUSINESS** – (1) Current By-Laws are out of date; steering committee has been working diligently on rewriting the By-Laws; printed copy of partial rough draft presented to reps to take back to their groups for review; questions/comments should be sent to FS at Intergroup office. (2) JH was nominated by DO for activities chair and accepted; email address for activities should be [activities@aagainesville.org](mailto:activities@aagainesville.org) but will be finalized and posted on website. (3) Request made that POST include a box of all Intergroup email address on page 6 with the rest of Intergroups information. (4) Request made that District 14 and Intergroup agreement about webhosting be included as an addendum to the By-Laws.

**MEETING WAS ADJOURNED NEXT MEETING – SUNDAY, 7/29/18, 1PM AT SCHAFFER HALL.**

## Intergroup Treasurer's Report: June 2018

| <i>Sales</i>                      | <i>Current</i>  | <i>Y.T.D.</i>    | <i>Cost of Sales</i>                 | <i>Current</i>  | <i>Y.T.D.</i>   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| A.A. Literature                   | 1,695.06        | 6,439.16         | A.A. Literature                      | 1,228.71        | 4,715.47        |
| Chips/Medallions                  | 250.38          | 1,724.63         | Chips/Medallions                     |                 | 941.78          |
| General Merchandise               | 14.25           | 151.45           | General Merchandise                  |                 | 96.67           |
| <b>Total Sales</b>                | <b>1,959.69</b> | <b>8,315.24</b>  | <b>Total Cost of Sales</b>           | <b>1,228.71</b> | <b>5,753.92</b> |
| <b>Activities Revenues</b>        |                 |                  | <b>Activities Expenses</b>           |                 |                 |
| Gratitude Dinner                  |                 | 0.00             | Alkathon                             |                 | 131.43          |
|                                   |                 |                  | Gratitude Dinner                     |                 | 330.36          |
|                                   |                 |                  | Hawthorne Picnic Donation            |                 | 0.00            |
|                                   |                 |                  | Intergroup's Monthly Meeting         | 20.00           | 20.00           |
|                                   |                 |                  | Phone Workshop                       |                 |                 |
| <b>Total Activities Revenues</b>  |                 | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>Total Activities Expenses</b>     | <b>20.00</b>    | <b>481.79</b>   |
| <b>Group Contributions</b>        | <b>673.91</b>   | <b>4,023.42</b>  | <b>Committee Expenses</b>            |                 |                 |
| <b>Office/Operating Expenses</b>  |                 |                  | Phone Committee                      |                 | 0.00            |
| Grapevine Subscriptions           |                 | 0.00             | Steering Committee                   |                 | 0.00            |
| Insurance                         |                 | 0.00             | The Post                             |                 | 0.00            |
| IRS 501C3 App. Fee                |                 | 275.00           | Website Committee                    | 30.83           | 30.83           |
| Internet                          | 65.63           | 262.52           | <b>Total Committee Expenses</b>      | <b>30.83</b>    | <b>30.83</b>    |
| Office Expenses                   | 103.50          | 852.20           | <b>Fund Balances</b>                 |                 |                 |
| Office Rent                       | 190.00          | 1,140.00         | <b>Checking</b>                      |                 |                 |
| Office Manager Salary             | 650.00          | 3,900.00         | Checking @ 1st of Mo.                | 1,456.71        |                 |
| Payroll Taxes                     | 149.17          | 350.99           | Current Deposits                     | 2,633.60        |                 |
| Postage                           | 49.64           | 361.83           | Current Expenditures                 | 3,206.93        |                 |
| Previous Manager's Bonus          |                 | 650.00           | Ending Balance, Checking             |                 | 883.38          |
| Printing: Phone Volunteer Packets |                 | 23.50            | <b>Reserves</b>                      |                 |                 |
| Printing: POST                    | 155.72          | 916.97           | Office Prudent Res. (CD) 1st of Mo.  | 5,093.14        |                 |
| Printing: V&W                     | 320.00          | 658.00           | Interest Earned                      | 4.40            |                 |
| State Sales Tax                   | 124.20          | 526.98           | Ending Balance, Off. Res.            |                 | 5,097.54        |
| Telephone                         | 119.53          | 822.09           | Grat. Din. Res. (Savings) 1st of Mo. | 2,615.13        |                 |
|                                   |                 |                  | Interest Earned                      | 0.16            |                 |
|                                   |                 |                  | Ending Balance, Grat. Din. Res.      |                 | 2,615.29        |
| <b>Total Overhead Expenses</b>    | <b>1,927.39</b> | <b>10,740.08</b> | <b>Total Fund Balances</b>           |                 | <b>8,596.21</b> |



**There is scarcely any form of trouble and misery which has not been overcome among us.**  
Big Book Bill's Story, p.15





**District 14 Business Meeting – July 11, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Pati C. Minutes recorded by Matthew R.

**In attendance – Officers:** PC. DCM, CM. Alt DCM, MR. Secretary; **Committee Chairs:** JW. Corrections, DA. CPC/PI, RG. Grapevine, DS. Treatment, RC. and WM. Web Site; **GSRs & Alt GSRs:** DN. Afternoon Reflections, FS. Bring Your Own Book, KN. By the Book, TC. Cross Creek Live and Let Live, BG. Everything or Nothing, DS. Eye Opener, JD. Fourth Dimension, EM. Good Morning God, MC. Gratitude, LD. Lawty Primary Purpose, SP. Micanopy Group, RR. Monday Night Big Book, JE. New Freedom, JM. Promises, MR. The Way Out, DP. Tuesday Night Step Study, RG. Unity Group, LM. Women's Serenity Seekers, DA. YPG **Others:** JM. FCYPAA, GN. Intergroup

**DCM**—PC. Moment of silence; Serenity Prayer followed by introductions.

**Secretary**—MR. Minutes accepted without amendment.

**Treasurer**—PC. KP had death in the family so could not attend. Report accepted as presented.

**DCM**—PC. Area Assembly is this weekend. The agenda and other important forms are on the AA North Florida web site.

**Alt DCM**—CM. I will be helping new GSRs get registered during the Area Assembly. I will also be trying to attend more committee meetings.

**Accessibilities**—KK. Nothing new to report; is available by phone; still recovering

**Archives**—GN. We are working on the big tree from Founder's Day, which was a great success!

**Corrections**—JW. I would like to request that you announce at your groups that all the district committees can use support.

**CPC/PI**—DA. Our committee member who coordinates with the North Florida Safety Council, which gives DUI schools, has been doing it for two years, so we would like someone else to take that over. We also need new people to help carry the message to those schools in general.

**Grapevine**—RG. We are meeting this Monday night, and we could really use more support on our committee.

**Literature**—WL. No report

**Treatment**—DS. Very few in attendance at our last committee meeting; we are in need of volunteers for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays for Volunteers of America. If we can't get anyone, we will pull out of the commitment because it's not fair to those who anticipate us.

**Website**—RC. The district web site is now joining with intergroup. We were asked to come up with an agreement as far as funds are concerned. We are encouraging groups to include mention of the web site in their meeting formats.

**FCYPAA**—JM. This year's FCYPAA conference is coming up this month in Orlando, so we have a lot of preparations to make. We are taking many meetings into treatment centers. We had a successful event last weekend. We are sponsoring people who would like to attend the conference in Orlando if anyone wants to go.

**Intergroup**—GN. I am the new Intergroup chair, so I will try to attend this district meeting as often as I can. If your group doesn't have an Intergroup representative, please get one. It takes place on the last Sunday of the month, and it is a low-maintenance commitment. Intergroup is really pleased that the web sites are now coming together.

**Old Business**—web site: we made an agreement on what happens to the data if there is a conflict between district and intergroup, district will pay half of the web site costs and will own the domain name aagainesville.org and continue paying for that name; intergroup will host the data on their server; district retains the right to take back the data at any time; the cost for the hosting is a two-year plan, and our share is \$120 per year; the cost of our domain name is \$16 per year—RC is now the alternate Intergroup web site chair, so WM, who is the intergroup web site chair, is volunteering to be our alternate web site chair

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition and 7<sup>th</sup> Concept were read by MR. and PC. respectively.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:03 PM. Next district meeting August 8<sup>th</sup>. See [AAGainesville.org](http://AAGainesville.org) for more information.

## District 14 Treasurer Report - July 2018 Meeting

### June Financial Activity

|   |                    |             |
|---|--------------------|-------------|
| Opening Bank Balance  | \$ 12,478.05       |             |
| Group Donations   | \$ 140.00          | \$ 970.25   |
| Miscellaneous Income ( <i>reimbursement for PO box late fee</i> ) | \$ 22.00           |             |
| Adjustment to balance account                                     | \$ 10.35           |             |
| Total Expense   | \$ (1,371.13)      | \$ 4,028.92 |
| Closing Bank Balance  | \$ 11,279.27       |             |
| Money Held in Reserve:  |                    |             |
| <i>Founder's Day - Reserve for 2018 (\$4,859-\$3,889)</i>         | \$ 970.00          |             |
| <i>Service Fair - Reserve for 2018</i>                            | \$ -               |             |
| <i>Prudent Reserve</i>  | \$ 5,000.00        |             |
| <b>Operating Cash (bank balance minus reserves)</b>               | <b>\$ 5,309.27</b> |             |

### Group Donations 2018 - 2019

| Group                                 | Apr 18           | May 18           | June 18          | July 18     | Aug 18      | Sept 18     | Oct 18      | Nov 18      | Dec 18      | Jan 19      | Feb 19      | Mar 19      | Y-T-D            |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| 10th & 11th Step (Saturday morning)   | \$ 80.00         |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ 80.00         |
| Afternoon Reflections                 |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Alachua Tuesday Night                 | \$ 100.00        |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ 100.00        |
| All Inclusive Solutions               |                  | \$ 150.00        |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ 150.00        |
| Beginner's Mind                       |                  |                  | \$ 40.00         |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ 40.00         |
| Big Book Basics                       |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Bring Your Own Book                   |                  |                  | \$ 50.00         |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ 50.00         |
| By The Book                           |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Cross Creek Group                     |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Campus Group                          |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Design For Living                     |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Downtown Group                        |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Every Step We Take                    |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Everything or Nothing                 |                  | \$ 60.00         |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ 60.00         |
| Eye Opener                            | \$ 16.88         |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ 16.88         |
| Faith, Hope, & Strength (Ft White)    |                  | \$ 10.00         |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ 10.00         |
| FCYPPA                                |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Fourth Dimension                      |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Free To Be                            | \$ 85.77         |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ 85.77         |
| Geezer's Group (Thursday Night)       |                  |                  | \$ 30.00         |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ 30.00         |
| Gift of Sobriety                      |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Good Morning God                      |                  | \$ 50.00         |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ 50.00         |
| Gratitude Group                       |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| H.A.L.T Group                         |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Hawthorne Group                       |                  | \$ 12.60         |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ 12.60         |
| Hampton Hole in the Wall              |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Into Action                           |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Keep it Simple                        |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Keystone Heights                      |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Lawtey Primary Purpose                |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Micanopy Group                        |                  |                  | \$ 20.00         |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ 20.00         |
| New Freedom                           |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| No Name Yet Group                     |                  | \$ 25.00         |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ 25.00         |
| Out To Lunch Bunch                    |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Promises                              |                  | \$ 100.00        |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ 100.00        |
| Suit up & Show up                     |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Starke Happy Hour                     |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Tues Night Step Study                 |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Thurs Night Alachua Group             |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| TILIS Men's Group                     |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| The Loft                              | \$ 20.00         |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ 20.00         |
| Vision For You, A                     |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Way Out Group                         |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Wholesale Miracle                     | \$ 30.00         |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ 30.00         |
| Women's Serenity Seekers              |                  | \$ 90.00         |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ 90.00         |
| Westminster Group                     |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Women's Step Study (Thursday morning) |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| YPG (Young People's)                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| Miscellaneous                         |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | \$ -             |
| <b>Totals</b>                         | <b>\$ 332.65</b> | <b>\$ 497.60</b> | <b>\$ 140.00</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ 970.25</b> |

Only God can turn a mess into a message.

# 11th Annual Hawthorne Group/ NCF Intergroup FREE Picnic

Luther Springs Retreat Center

Saturday, August 18th, 2018

11:00 am - ????

Follow the yellow Bill W signs!



- 50/50 Raffle
- Food & Fellowship
- Swimming Pool
- Hiking
- Shaded Pavilion

Please Bring:

Sides, Desserts, Towels,  
Chairs, Your Family, Your  
Friends and Your Kids  
for a day of FUN!!

Luther Springs Camp & Conference Center  
264 Vause Lake Road, Hawthorne FL 32640

Entrance to camp and parking are **FREE!**

Contact Gerry at 352-682-6257 with question or  
See complete flier at [www.AAGainesville.org](http://www.AAGainesville.org)

**LABOR DAY**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD**



**12:30 PM SPEAKER**  
**2PM LUNCH**  
**50/50 RAFFLE**

Brought to you by the New Life,  
Eyeopener, Gratitude, Unity and Downtown  
groups @

The Triangle Club

1005 SE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

PLEASE BRING SIDEDISH TO SHARE

# Back to Basics

Sponsored by The Eye Opener Group

**"Here are the steps we took...."**

In four 1-hour Sessions:

- Session #1 - Overview and Step 1 Sat. 8/4
- Session #2 -Steps 2, 3, and 4 Sat. 8/11
- Session #3 - Steps 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 Sat. 8/18
- Session #4 - Steps 10, 11 and 12 Sat. 8/25

All sessions start at 8:30 am at the Triangle Club  
1005 SE 4th Avenue, Gainesville FL

**Costs? We will pass the basket!**

**Need Sponsors willing to help take  
participants through the steps!**

RSVP & More information contact  
[Thomaskh1950@gmail.com](mailto:Thomaskh1950@gmail.com)

# District 27

(Serving Dixie, Levy & Gilchrist Counties)

**District 27 Business Meeting:**

3rd Tuesday, 6:00 pm

St. Alban Episcopal Church

7550 NW 149th Place, Chiefland

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