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Power of Sober Thinking

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## Powerlessness: Our Greatest Asset

Ever wonder how and why you got here in one piece still able to walk, talk, and breathe?

Yup. me too. At first I thought it was just luck, but then as I worked through steps 1-5 it occurred to me that nobody has that many "near misses" in life and survives! Turns out that most of my brothers and sisters in recovery had similar experiences as well: the vehicular mishaps, the bizarre accidents, the unfortunate and unplanned hospital visits, the misunderstandings with law enforcement, etc. Then, during the course of the first few years sober, the strange messes we made during many years of drunken debauchery seem to miraculously untangle one by one! How could this be possible? Why did my life have to burn to the ground before it was possible for me to accept recovery?

Evidence would show that some kind of invisible mysterious Power (God, of course) had a purpose planned for us starting a long, long time ago! I had to be broken and rendered powerless before I could be rebuilt as a useful, respectable, and decent human being. That powerlessness has become my most valuable asset. My step 1 recollections are crystal clear memories of the horrible decades of chaos and drama as if it all happened last night-clear and unmistakable proof that I am powerless (over a bunch of things) and that life had become unmanageable (and unbearable). I am so blessed to remember it so well!

Clarity is a function of good inventory and a grooved daily practice of prayer, meditation, and introspection. I realize that the "why" questions are really none of my business (that is, if I really believe that God is in charge) I often still wonder why I would be spared a wretched painful death when this disease is almost always cruelly and brutally fatal. The true realization that God's Grace has been at work the whole time has been a real inspiration for that existential question we all have- why am I still here and what is my purpose? Those of us who have been paying attention can see that there have been many, many coincidences that have led to this moment, that space in time that we are transformed to useful and productive humans. It may look like a series of awkward and sequential coincidences, but I would have to insist that only God could use powerlessness as a tool to transform so many broken lost souls. When Dr. Bob told Bill W. that it was all about love and service, perhaps he meant that it was our purpose after all!



## "Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character."

My first real attempt at Step Six was a very public and dismal failure. I demonstrated a complete lack of understanding of "entirely ready to have God remove." Today I understand that how well I "work" Step Six will determine my ability to stay sober as I live my life. Being entirely ready requires a conscious contact with my Higher Power. I am doing more than not drinking, I am growing spiritually. I pray and meditate each day in order to learn God's will for me. It helps me to look at life differently. I no longer take pride in my character defects of sarcasm, impatience, greed, arrogance or any of the myriad others I possess. I see them as impediments to a happy sober life. Gradually I have learned that my life is not about me. It is about my service to other people. In this way I become entirely ready to have God remove these defects of character. I cannot remove them, just as I could not remove my obsession with alcohol. Only with my HP's help will they be removed. It is for this reason that I like to say that Steps Six and Seven are where the "magic"happens. Stay for the miracle, it will come.

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## Community News

- "A New Freedom & A New Happiness" Founder's Day 2019 June 8th 4:00 8:45 Trinity United Methodist Church 4000 NW 53rd Avenue. \$5 in advance, \$10 at door, please bring a covered dish to share. See more information on the back of this POST.
- Emotional Sobriety Conference, June 21-23, Gainesville FL Fairfield Inn & Suites. \$35 at the door. For registration and information: https://emotionalsobrietygainesville.wordpress.com/
- **Hawthorne Picnic** (see details below) Saturday August 17th, 11:00 4:00, no costs just good food & fellowship. Please bring a covered dish to share.
- Women in Recovery Conference in Delray Beach, FL August 16-18, 2019. Speakers include Holly D, FL; Clair K, FL (Alanon); Terri K, OH; Paula P, IL. Registration \$35 @ www.WomenInRecovery.com.
- 11th Annual Serenity By The Sea Conference in Naples, FL August 22nd 25th, 2019. Speakers include Clancy I, Venice, CA; Polly P., Palm Coast, FL; Bob B, St. Paul, MN; Georgia B, Los Angeles, CA; Lynda B, St. Paul, MN. Registration \$45 @ www.SerenityClubSWFL.org.

## Hawthorne Annual Picnic!

Hawthorne Group Members Invite You and Yours to an AA <u>INDOOR</u> Picnic!

The Dog Days of Summer are just around the bend, but that doesn't mean we can't be "happy, joyous and free!" **Join us for an** *air conditioned picnic* **on Saturday, August 17**<sup>th</sup> **at Luther Springs Retreat Center, near Hawthorne, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.** It is completely free! You will find fellowship, food and fun (swimming in a life-guarded pool, outdoor games, hiking (marked trails), off-road biking on your own bike; and canoeing/kayaking in a life-guarded lake. Boats are provided). An AA open-discussion meeting in a private room will follow lunch!

Bill S., one of the Hawthorne Group's founding members, hatched the plan for this annual picnic twelve summers ago! He is attending the big meeting in the sky, but will be with us in spirit. For the next five years, all Friends of Bill; and their families and friends, were invited to the *free* party and barbecue near Hawthorne at a site with the special draw of a 100-foot water slide into a lake. Close to 200 picnic goers showed up! Alas, we had to relocate per a decision by the facility's board of directors. We were bummed, but *the lake level dropped too low to plunge off the slide, anyway!* 

Another big change occurred the year after we moved the picnic to Luther Springs Retreat Center. North Central Florida Intergroup (NCFI), which had been hosting its own picnic every spring at O'Leno State Park, had to shut it down for budgetary reasons. Since the Hawthorne Picnic was quickly outgrowing the tiny group's treasury, Intergroup donated \$200. Group members request the same support every year, and so far it has been a joint effort, coming to be known as the Hawthorne Group-Intergroup Picnic.

Hosts provide hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks and "fixins"; Friends of Bill bring drinks, sides and desserts. For more information, see the *flyer* on the back page of this issue or at <u>www.AAGainesville.org</u>. If you have questions, please call a group member at 352.682.6110.

# Congratulations!



#### May Anniversaries

#### Downtown

MO - 18 yrs

#### Eyeopener

MC - 1 yr DS - 13 yrs TH - 15 yrs

#### **Everything or Nothing**

SM - 1 yr KW - 7 yrs KK - 11 yrs

#### Free to Be

MR - 29 yrs PS - 30 yrs LR - 36 yrs JM - 11 yrs

#### **Fourth Dimension**

CC - 20 yrs

#### **Gratitude Group**

CB - 14 yrs SG - 6 yrs CG - 7 yr

#### 10th and 11th Step

EP - 1 yr RH - 13 yrs CR - 3 yrs

#### Hawthorne

DK - 34 yrs KP - 32 yrs LE - 29 yrs DV - 21 yrs RL - 15 yrs

#### **New Freedom**

FR - 29 yrs GC - 15 yrs DW - 31 yrs SA - 8 yrs

#### **Tuesday Night Step Study**

DO - 30 yrs MR - 29 yrs PB - 4 yrs JH - 3 yrs

#### **Women's Serenity**

DN – 5 yrs BG – 6 yrs KA – 8 yrs DB – 11 yrs DB – 29 yrs

#### Women's Step Study

L - 2 yrs CR - 3 yrs SA - 8 yrs NS - 32 yrs

#### **Way out Group**

BB - 10 yrs MR - 21 yrs (April) ML - 12 yrs TW - 1 yr

June Birthdays?
Send them by
June 12th to
POST@AAGainesville.org

# I am tied for 1st Place in AA if I'm clean & sober today!

## 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**

PO Box 10094 Jacksonville, FL 32247 (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!

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## The Steps are HOW IT WORKS. The Traditions are WHY IT WORKS.

"An AA group ought never endorse, finance or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."

Tradition Six enumerates some of the ways AA might be diverted from our primary purpose which is to help the suffering alcoholic. Many groups before AA foundered when they took up other causes. A prime example is the Washingtonians who became involved in the slavery debate. The temptation was and is there always. AA has been more successful helping alcoholics get and stay sober than other organization. With that as a basis, perhaps many other social and personal problems could be solved using AA's twelve step method. Indeed, there are other 12 step programs, Alanon, Narcotics Anonymous, Overeaters Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous. However, these fellowships are not part of AA. They are very separate organizations.

#### Endorsing anything outside our program might lead to the tarnishing of the AA's reputation.

It's possible that people, organizations or enterprises not endorsed could become angry at AA. We are not a political organization which means we can concentrate on our commonalities. We identify and learn from fellow alcoholics, unconcerned about who they voted for We do not endorse treatment centers or hospitals. They are independent organization. We do not accept or lend large amounts of money from outside organizations. It is obvious that Tradition Six is critical to the survival of AA. AA has always chosen to remain "Anonymous," avoiding prestigious awards and public endorsements. Our activities are limited to the support of our primary purpose.

Be Like Bill								
	This is Bill. Bill was powerless over alcohol. Bill's life had become unmanageable.							
	Bill sat with another alcoholic and worked a 12 Step program. Bill has not had a drink since Dec 11, 1934. Bill continued to work with other alcoholics to keep sober. Be Smart, Be like Bill.							

Annual Post Subso 12 Posts delivered to	
Please make checks	payable to NCFI
Name	
Address	The Post
City	



#### **Future Topics**

"Listening for the Whisper of Humilty" July "Acting My Way into Right Thinking" August " What is a 4th Dimension? " September

#### Get Published!

Entry deadline is the **12th of each month**. Send your topic articles, op-eds, opinions or cartoons to:

Post@AAGainesville.org

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### **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: 12:00 - 6:00 pm

Saturday: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sunday: Closed

#### **Our next Intergroup meeting**

will be held on the last

At the Triangle Club (1005 SE 4th Ave)

Sunday of the month:

June 30th @ 1:00

#### Check out our new website @

### www.AAGainesville.org



#### **POST Submissions**

Send articles and anniversaries to Post@AAGainesville.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. If you want them to be announced in the POST they must be submitted by no later than the 12th of the month.

#### Intergroup

Ouestions about AA in North Central Florida or to order large quantities of literature please contact office.manager@AAGainesville.org with requests.

### Intergroup Chairperson's Corner

Hi everyone! Hope you are all doing well.

We had a great turnout again for our monthly Intergroup meeting. It's the last Sunday of every month at 1:00 @ the Triangle Club. Except in May. We go a week earlier because of Memorial Day. Hope your group has an Intergroup Rep or your group does not have a voice in Intergroup

business. The officers are working on a new Intergroup pamphlet that we will present to the Intergroup reps for approval in the near future! Lot's of info about what we do and how to get involved in service individually or participation by our group! We are also getting a great response to our Faithful Fivers and Faithful Tenners. \$5 or \$10 per month to help us carry the message is all it takes! Contact me (below) or FS. at the Intergroup office for more info.

Speaking of the Intergroup office, it looks like the new owner of the building is not going to do anything drastic in the immediate future. But we are still keeping our eyes open for affordable office space.

Thanks for allowing me to serve you! Greg N. <a href="mailto:gregnorm5@aol.com">gregnorm5@aol.com</a>, (352) 283 2648

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### NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA INTERGROUP April 28, 2019

**ATTENDANCE** – GN (Chair), PC (Alt Sec'y), PB (Treas), MR (Alt Treas), FS (Office Mgr), JH (Activities), DO (POST), SL, BB, MR, MP, JVB, JS, DL, JH, JM, RG, AO, HG, MS, TL.

MINUTES – PC presented March minutes on page 6 of POST; read and approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – PB presented the Treasurer's Report from page 7 of the POST. Faithful \$5ers & \$10ers have received total contributions of \$870.00. Page 8 shows individual group contributions for December totaling \$483.50.

**PHONE COMMITTEE** – SS not present but it was reported all slots are filled.

**POST** – DO reminded us we are still not getting events submitted for the activities page. She would like our assistance in finding out why it is not being used. If you have events, contact the activities chair so your event gets exposure via flyer and/or Community News. DO makes it easy and will work with you if it is not print ready. Deadline is the 9<sup>th</sup> of May for the June POST due to Memorial Day.

**LITERATURE/MERCHANDISE/WHERE & WHEN** – FS reported he ordered more W&Ws as they are selling like hotcakes. Fully stocked with all literature.

**WEBSITE** – GN reported for WM that he continues to work on the website. Once the app that was talked about at Area is ready, he will be ready for it. Someone reported that two different phones pulled up two different events on our <a href="http://aagainesville.org">http://aagainesville.org</a> website at the same time and asked what would cause that.

**ACTIVITIES** – JH reported June is a busy month! The *352 FCYPAA Conference* will be held in Gainesville on June 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit their website at <a href="www.fcypaa2019.com">www.fcypaa2019.com</a>. District 14's Founder's Day 2019 is on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door. The Emotional Sobriety Workshop, sponsored, by Everything or Nothing, is June 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. Early registration fee is \$30, or \$35 at the door. For more information and/or to register, visit their website at <a href="https://">https://</a>

<u>emotionalsobrietygainesville.wordpress.com</u>. Tallahassee will be celebrating Founder's Day from June 7 – 9 at the auto museum.

**DCM REPORT** – No District 14 representative. It was reported, however, that only 10 representatives from Gainesville attended this last Area Assembly. We were asked to mention it to our home groups in hopes of boosting attendance.

**FCYPAA** Reminder that the FCYPAA Convention is being held on June 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> at the UF Hilton.

**OLD BUSINESS** – FS reported that we are looking for a new building. There has still bee no word from the new landlord/owners. We need to step up contributions to increase our prudent reserve. A motion was made, seconded and passed to give \$200 for the Emotional Sobriety Workshop.

**NEW BUSINESS** – No new business.

NEXT MEETING – Due to Memorial Day weekend, our next meeting will be on May 19, 2019, (Not May 26) at 1PM at the Triangle Club.

# The longest journey we have to take in AA is from our head down to our heart.

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#### Intergroup Treasurer's Report: April 2019

Sales	Current	Y.T.D.	Pt	urchases	Curren	it
A.A. Literature	382.70	2,548.26	A.A. Literature		19	.80
Chips	108.50	406.72	Chips		0	.00
Medallions	112.00	696.94	Medallions		0	.00
Other Merchandise	41.70	165.89	Other Merchand	lise	0	.00
Where and Whens	80.50	197.91	Where and Whe	ns	105	.00
Total Sales	725.40	4,015.72		Total Purch	nases 124	.80
Sales Tax Collected	280.76	280.76				
Activities Revenues			Activit	ies Expenses		
Gratitude Dinner Tickets	0.00	0.00	Alkathon		0	.00
Gratitude Dinner Contributions	0.00	0.00	<b>Emotional Sobri</b>	iety Workshop	200	.00
Gratitude Dinner Cake Auction	0.00	0.00	<b>Gratitude Dinne</b>	r	0	.00
Gratitude Dinner 50/50 Raffle	0.00	0.00	Hawthorne Picn	ic Donation	0	.00
			Intergroup's Mo	nthly Meeting	19	.01
Total Activities Revenues	0.00	0.00	То	tal Activities Expe	nses 219	.01
Contributions			Commi	ittee Expenses		
Group Contributions	1,047.42	3,177.01	Phone Committe	ee	0	.00
Faithful Fivers and Tenners	270.00	1,140.00	Steering Commi	ttee	0	.00
Total Contributions	1,317.42	4,317.01	The Post		0	.00
			Website Commi	ttee	-295	.63
Office/Operating Expenses			Total Con	nmittee Expenses	-295	.63
Annual Corp Filing Fee	52.50	113.75				
Insurance	0.00	0.00	Fun	d Balances		
Internet	65.68	262.67	C	Checking		
Office Expenses	156.57	295.10	Checking @ 1st	of Mo.	861	.82
Office Rent	190.00	760.00	Current Deposit	s	2,323	.58
Office Manager Salary	540.27	2,490.27	Current Expend	itures	1,507	.87
Payroll Taxes	149.17	149.17	Adjustment		1,268	.42
Postage	22.20	145.54	End	ding Balance, Che	cking	
Printing: Other	0.00	17.91				
Printing: Phone Volunteer Packets	0.00	0.00				
Printing: POST	120.48	497.20				$\top$
Rent for monthly meeting	20.00	60.00		Income	Expenses	Т
State Sales Tax	0.00	224.23	I		-	т.
Telephone	142.82	509.91	January	\$ 2,336.29		-
Total Overhead Expenses	1,459.69	5,525.75	February	\$ 1,335.52	-	-
Reserves			March	\$1,768.00		-
Reserves			April	\$ 2,053.58	\$(1,507.87	') :
Ending Balance, Grat. Din. Res.		3,151.00				_

	Income	Expenses	Totals				
January	\$ 2,336.29	\$(1,818.89)	\$ 517.40				
February	\$ 1,335.52	\$(1,980.87)	\$(645.35)				
March	\$1,768.00	\$(1,916.00)	\$(148.00)				
April	\$ 2,053.58	\$(1,507.87)	\$ 545.71				
	Net Profit 4	Net Profit 4 Months					

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### Faithful \$5ers & \$10ers

Ending Balance, Off. Res.

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		
Faithful Fiver's														YTD
	\$10.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 40.00	\$40.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$	600.0
Faithful Tenner's														
	\$40.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$	540.0
										Ye	Year to Date		\$ 1,140.0	

6,021.00

## Thanks to the following 11 Groups and Individuals who sent in a donation to Intergroup in April 2019:

- ► Faith, Hope & Strength \$10.00 ► 10th & 11th Step \$300.00 ►
- ► Beginners Mind \$40.00 ► ► Big Book Basics \$50.00 ► BYOB \$100.00 ►
  - Free to Be \$74.40 ► Hole in the Wall \$54.38 ► Hawthorne Group \$86.00 ►
    - ► Anonymous \$46.08 ► Happy Hour Group Starke \$45.98 ►
    - ► New Freedom \$140.00 ► Women's Step Study \$100.63 ►

## Intergroup provides a wide range of services to the Alcoholic Anonymous groups and recovering community of North Central Florida.

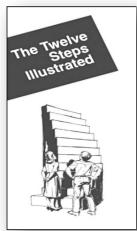
- A-24 hour hot-line for 12th step calls & other inquires
- A comprehensive list of meetings, our Where & When, both in print and online
- A.A. conference approved literature and other materials as requested by A.A. members
- Help with the coordination and promotion of group activities
- Publication of a monthly newsletter, The Post
- Maintenance of a state-of-the-art Website: www.AAGainesville.org

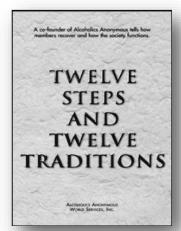
As our A.A. membership continues to grow the demand for more and more material and services continues to expand. We continually strive to better serve our recovery community (progress not perfection). This is only possible with your continued support and consistent contributions.

#### Welcome to Alcoholics Anonymous



Pamphlet
of the
Month





Book
of the
Month

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#### DISTRICT 14

Serving Alachua County

DCM Corner

Hello everyone

Exciting news! The Accessibilities Committee is back in business, after a long hiatus. Beginning in May, every first Saturday of the month at Gethsemane Lutheran at 5:00pm there will be a District 14 Accessibilities Committee meeting. This meeting will be geared towards educating interested alcoholics on how to better carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to those still suffering alcoholics that cannot make regular AA meetings. There is currently not an Accessibilities Committee chairperson. This committee helps those alcoholics that are least able to attend regular meetings or that have difficulty at regular meetings; for too long the least able of our fellowship have been neglected by our community. If you are interested in becoming the chairperson please keep in mind that it is recommended that you have several years of sobriety, the time to attend the monthly district meeting, the time to hold a monthly committee meeting and the willingness to be of service.

There is a wonderful 10-page brochure on the Area Assembly website about the Accessibilities Committee and I have included an excerpt as follows: Can you think of any legitimate reasons for not joining A.A. even if you have a desire to stop drinking?

#### How About:

• You need surgery and will be in the hospital for a month • You are wheelchair bound • You are blind and do not know where the meetings are located • You become ill and will be bedridden at home for a week • You fear someone may ask you to read and you either do not know how or the words get mixed up • You fear that people will look at you funny because you are deaf and cannot answer them • You are homebound because you cannot find anyone to watch the kids.

Do you know anyone in these situations? Would these circumstances keep you from joining A.A. or going to meetings? For most of us the situation was different when we came in. We keep coming back because we are able and A.A. is accessible to us. Accessibility by definition means: easily approached, entered or obtained; a way of reaching. Sounds like Tradition Three, a gift that ensures that those who want A.A. can have it."

If you have any questions please feel free to contact your District 14 DCM Chris M. at (954) 540-8046. Thank you for letting me serve.

## **District 14 Service Committee Meetings**

#### **District 14 Business Meeting**

2nd Wednesday, 6:00 pm Westminster Presbyterian Church

#### <u>Accessibilities</u>

1st Saturday, 5:00 pm Gethsemane Lutheran Church

#### **Archives**

1st Tuesday, 6:30 pm Triangle Club

#### **Corrections**

3rd Tuesday, 6:00 pm Triangle Club

#### CPC/PI

1st Thursday, 6:30 pm Triangle Club

#### **Grapevine**

3rd Monday @ 6:30 Triangle Club

#### <u>Literature</u>

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 for more information!

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#### District 14 Business Meeting - May 8th, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Chris M. Minutes recorded by Will M.

In attendance- Officers: CM. DCM, KP. Treasurer, DA. Alt DCM Committee Chairs: DN. Grapevine, MC. Literature, DS. Treatment, HP. Web Site, AC. FCYPAA, KM. CPC/PI, MC. Archives, GN Intergroup GSRs/Alt GSRs: FS. Bring your own book, ML. The Way Out, RG. Unity, KL. 4th Dimension, DN. Afternoon Reflections, JE. New Freedom, CC. Beginner's Mind, JP. 10th & 11th Step, GM. R, CH. Live and Let Live, BR. Monday night Step Study.

**Secretary**- WM. Last month's minutes accepted.

**Treasurer**- KP. May 2019 Treasurer's Report clarifies the proportion of District 14 expenses spent by Committees.

**DCM**- CM. Groups expect a visit from the DCM to discuss various service opportunities @ the District & Area level.

**Alt DCM**- DA. 2019 Service Fair still in planning stages- dates will be available soon.

**Archives**- MC. In the planning stages of workshop that will be chronicling the evolution of District 14 and the Women involved in it. Committee meets at 6:30 at the triangle club on the first Tuesday of the month. Please have any parties interested in participating email Mimi directly at <a href="mimicarr@mindspring.com">mimicarr@mindspring.com</a>

**Corrections**- *Vacant* MF. Will be stepping down this month. We need your help to find a replacement Chairperson for this vital committee! Please contact CM. christian\_mejia13@hotmail.com

**CPC/PI**- KM. Thanks to CPC/PI, GPD now carries AA literature at their downtown location and new Spanish literature can be found at the Library headquarters downtown. New literature racks are coming soon to the library at on archer road. CPC/PI will have a display table at UF Community Health and Wellness Expo May 16th at the University Hilton. Individuals interested in becoming a speaker should contact KM through <a href="AAGainesville.com">AAGainesville.com</a>. Committee next meets at 6 PM at the triangle club, June 6th.

**Grapevine**-DN. *The Grapevine* will be celebrating it's 75th anniversary in June! Please make sure to check out Grapevine Committee's display at Founder's Day this year, and have your *Grapevine* reps attend the committee meeting on the 3rd Monday of every month at the triangle club, at 6:30 PM.

Literature- MC. Committee meeting will now be held on the 1st Saturday of each month at Gethsemane Church at 5 pm.

**Accessibilities**- *Vacant* Meeting held last month by CM. successfully drew interest and participation. Next meeting will be held on the 1st Saturday of June at Gethsemane Church at 5pm.

**Treatment-** DS. All meetings are covered for this month. Next meeting Monday, June 3 6:30 PM at the Triangle club.

**Website-** HP. Every committee may now provide an email address direct communication via the website. Please provide HP with this correct information and He will gladly set up gmail accounts for you and your committee. You may also contact HP at <a href="https://henry.perlstein@icloud.com">henry.perlstein@icloud.com</a> with any content you would like changed or uploaded on the website.

**Intergroup**- GN. Intergroup's *Faithful 5rs/10rs* program is successfully building their prudent reserve- Thank you to all Donors! FS. Is working diligently on structuring a new lease for their office, and fortunately Intergroup will be staying at its current office location for the time being.

**FCYPAA**-AC. Pre registration for conference is still \$20.00. Volunteers are needed Friday and Sunday volunteers needed please see <a href="fcypaa2019.com">fcypaa2019.com</a> for details.

**Old Business:** Motion to reimburse CM. for out of pocket expenses during Pre-Conference workshop was passed.

**New Business:** No new business.

5th Concept and 5th Tradition read by CM. And DA. respectively.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM. Next district meeting June 12th. See AAGainesville.org for more information.

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#### District 14 Treasurer Report - May 2019 Meeting

April Financial Activity											
Fiscal Year April 2019 - March	20										
Opening Bank Balance	\$	11,874.67									
Group Donations	\$	645.82	\$	645.82							
Committee Expenses	\$	(731.93)									
D14 Expenses	\$	(589.25)									
Total Month Expense \$ (1,321.18)			\$	(1,321.18)							
Previous Month's Expense Check(s) Clearing Bank	\$	(201.75)									
Closing Bank Balance	\$	10,997.56									
Money Held in Reserve:											
Founder's Day - Reserve for 2018 (\$970+\$100)	\$	1,070.00									
Service Fair - Reserve for 2018	\$	-									
Prudent Reserve	\$	5,000.00									
Operating Cash (bank balance minus reserves)	\$	4,927.56									

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Group	Apr 19	May 19	June 19	July 19	Aug 19	Sept 19	Oct 19	Nov 19	Dec 19	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Y	-T-D
10th & 11th Step (Saturday morning) 000700336	\$ 60.00												\$	60.00
Afternoon Reflections													\$	-
Alachua Tuesday Night													\$	-
All Inclusive Solutions													\$	-
Beginner's Mind	\$ 40.00												\$	40.00
Big Book Basics													\$	-
Bring Your Own Book													\$	-
By The Book													\$	-
Cross Creek Group													\$	-
Campus Group													\$	-
Design For Living													\$	-
Downtown Group													\$	-
Every Step We Take													\$	-
Everything or Nothing													s	-
Eye Opener													\$	-
Faith, Hope, & Strength (Ft White)													\$	-
FCYPPA													\$	-
Fourth Dimension													\$	-
Free To Be 129840	\$ 74.40												\$	7440
Geezer's Group (Thursday Night)	7												\$	-
Gift of Sobriety													\$	-
Good Morning God	1												\$	-
Gratitude Group													\$	-
H.A.L.T Group													s	-
Hawthorne Group 000150412	\$ 17.00												\$	17.00
Hampton Hole in the Wall	\$ 10.87												\$	10.87
Into Action	7 20.0.												\$	
Keep it Simple													\$	-
Keystone Heights													s	-
Language of the Hearts													s	-
Lawtey Primary Purpose													\$	-
Melrose Happy Hour													\$	
Micanopy Group													\$	-
New Freedom 690149	\$ 105.00												\$	105.00
No Name Yet Group	<b>4</b> 100.00												\$	-
Out To Lunch Bunch													\$	-
Peace Seekers													\$	-
Promises													s	
Suit up & Show up													\$	-
Starke Happy Hour	\$ 137.92												ŝ	137.92
Tues Night Step Study	1 20.172												\$	-
Thurs Night Alachua Group													s	-
TILIS Men's Group													\$	-
The Loft													\$	-
Vision For You, A													\$	-
Way Out Group	\$ 100.00												\$	100.00
Wholesale Miracle													\$	-
Women's Serenity Seekers													s	-
Women's Step Study (Thursday morning)	\$ 100.63												\$	100.63
YPG (Young People's)	+												s	-
Miscellaneous													\$	-
Totals	\$ 645.82	\$ -	s -	\$ -	\$ -	s -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	s -	\$ -		645.82
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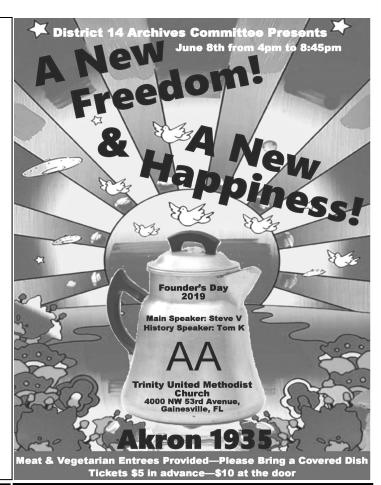
# Gratitude is not a feeling ... it is an ACTION!



Faithful Fivers are AA members who graciously choose to contribute \$5.00 each month to support the Intergroup Office in its efforts to carry the AA message of hope & recovery to those alcoholics still suffering in the North Central Florida area.

The Faithful Fiver idea came about when we remembered we wasted much more than \$5.00 each month during our drinking days.

Payment options: Cash, Check (made out to NCFI) or Credit Card (no minimum). Stop by the Intergroup office, or email questions to <a href="mailto:Office.Manager@AAGainesville.com">Office.Manager@AAGainesville.com</a> or call Fred S @ 386-628-2541.



The Dog Days of Summer Presents ...

## Hawthorne Picnic

The Dog Days of Summer are just around the bend, but that doesn't mean we can't be "happy, joyous and free!"

Join us for an *air conditioned picnic* on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at Luther Springs Retreat Center, near Hawthorne, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

- It is completely free!
- You will find fellowship & food
- Swimming in a life-guarded pool, outdoor games, hiking (trails), off-road biking on your own bike; and canoeing/kayaking in a life-guarded lake. (boats are provided).
- An AA open-discussion meeting in a private room will follow lunch!

Luther Springs is located at
264 Vause Lake Rd, Hawthorne, FL 32640

For more info call a group member at **352.682.6110**.

## 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

#### **District 27 Hotline:**

(352) 949-2239

#### **Contributions Address:**

District 27 AA PO Box 1257 Bronson, FL 32621



#### **Website Address:**

www.District27aa.org