

# New Perspectives

**“Everything is bullshit. I hate these meetings. I hate myself. Everyone hates me. Why why why do I keep returning?...”**

And so the incessant chatter went in my brain. What led me into the rooms to pick up that white chip was an eerily quiet and supremely heavy void that assured me I had two choices with which to proceed: 1) execute a successful plan for suicide in which no one would find out for a cool 24-30 hours thereby ensuring my success. Or 2) Buying a case of my favorite (or whatever’s available) wine at the local market and drinking to oblivion. We might call this the Russian roulette-style plan of the former.



Those two choices were as ordinary and clear as the summer sun that hung in the sky that hot June afternoon. With only those two choices marinating in my brain, my hand picked up the baby blue where-and-when that AA women gave me earlier that week, after my attempt to express gratitude for the speaker’s story turned into an outpouring of desperation with barely a word uttered. My hand flipped the pages and my eyes scanned Saturday’s meetings for the next one I could make. That meeting was Gainesville’s YPG at 6pm.

I decided I could go to the meeting first and then proceed with my previous two choices. After all, there was no hurry. I was on a solo mommy retreat; I had time.

I walked into that meeting identifying as someone who had a “desire to stop drinking”, which was a complete lie because other than immediate euthanizing ALL I wanted to do was drink. I walked out with a white chip in hand. My addictive brain insisted I wasn’t one of you and certainly wasn’t “surrendering”. My will to live and my higher power, however, knew I’d run out of options. I knew death was an imminent danger that waited patiently for me.

I wouldn’t admit I was powerless for another year. But for that whole year, I just kept coming back. I did service, fellowshipped, and begrudgingly **started** working the steps over and over and over.

Perspective comes from the Latin verb which means “to look through”. Looking back, it’s clear to me that only my higher power has any “perspective” on my life. It is Her ability to look through or beyond my suicidal addict’s mind that saved my life that Saturday afternoon. It is still my higher power who gets me to meetings, to pick up the phone, and to service commitments. I don’t like to think where my mind would have me now. Thank God for this new and enduring perspective.

By AT., YPG



# First we stayed sober Because we have to...



# Community News

- The A.A. Hotline and Intergroup office received 59 calls in November.
- What a fantastic job everyone did at the Gratitude Dinner, turned out to be the best ever!
- Don't forget about the upcoming Alka-thon! List of times and groups are below, however, if your group wasn't chosen this year, be sure to come and participate!
- Looking to do service work? Volunteers needed at the Intergroup office, contact FS at [gainesville.intergroup@gmail.com](mailto:gainesville.intergroup@gmail.com) or call 386-628-2541
- Have a meeting change? Know of a meeting that's closed? Please send this information to [webmaster@AAGainesville.org](mailto:webmaster@AAGainesville.org).
- Is your group planning an event? Make sure to send the information and flier to us by the 12th of each month at [activities@AAGainesville.org](mailto:activities@AAGainesville.org) so we can help spread the word! (It's FREE!!)

**Everyone at the Intergroup office wishes everyone safe and sober Holidays!**

## Alka-thon "Meetings Round the Clock" Schedule

### Tuesday 12/31/19

12:30 pm New Life  
2:00 pm Tuesday Night Step Study  
4:00 pm Geezer's Meeting  
5:30 pm Gratitude Group  
7:00 pm Unity  
8:30 pm Downtown Group (Bday)

10:30 pm Serenity Seekers

### Wednesday 1/1/20

12:30 am 4th Dimension  
2:00 am 10th & 11th Step Meeting  
3:30 am By the Book  
5:30 am TILIS  
7:00 am Eye Opener

10:30 am Everything or Nothing

12:30 pm New Life

**Make  
STAYING SOBER  
your New Year's  
Resolution!**



**Tradition 1** The Steps are HOW IT WORKS.  
The Traditions are WHY IT WORKS.  
*"Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity."*

When I was new to Alcoholics Anonymous, I did not know what it meant to be in unity with anyone. I plodded along as best I could, trying to feel the best that I could, which constantly put me in conflict with other people. One of the results of taking the steps, and something which I still have to practice on an everyday basis, is trying my best to act in harmony with others. I have found it to be true through painful experience that "I" cannot stay sober alone. I need to be reinforced and bolstered by other alcoholics in recovery who are seeking to continue their spiritual journey.

I strongly believe that our AA groups also live or die by this same principle, so it only follows that AA groups should also strive for unity and to exist in harmony alongside other groups and institutions. Where I currently live, in High Springs, there has been discussion in the past about starting a Beginner's meeting or perhaps starting a new group in Fort White, where there is a lack of AA meetings. However, due to the strong unity that we have among our members in this area, the discussion immediately revolves around whether a new meeting will cause problems with neighboring groups by overlapping in time or purpose. The interest here is making sure that all of our groups thrive rather than making decisions based on the perceived needs of a few.

Groups can stray from the path that was painstakingly laid down in our traditions during our pioneering years and begin engaging in practices that will hurt their ability to be helpful to new alcoholics. However, when the groups work together and guide each other along this path, they can better inventory their own practices and direct their work toward best serving the alcoholic who still suffers.

~MR.

# Congratulations!



## December Anniversaries

### Unity Group

EB - 10 yrs  
MD - 1 yr  
RR - 6yrs  
H - 15yrs

### Starke Happy Hour Group

KK - 38 yrs. (Nov)  
LM - 30 yrs (Nov)  
PK - 8 yrs

### Downtown

RC - 1 yr

### Free To Be

DN - 13 yrs

### Gratitude Group

RG - 3 yrs  
DH - 37 yrs

### Micanopy

LS - 4 yrs  
BF - 22 yrs

### New Freedom

RM - 18 yrs.

### Saturday Morning 10th/11th

### Step Group

SS - 39 yrs  
BB - 11 yrs

### Tuesday Night Step Study

PG - 2 yrs

### Women's Serenity Seekers

KW - 3 yrs  
RG - 3 yrs



### January Birthdays?

Send them by

January 12th to

[POST@AAGainesville.org](mailto:POST@AAGainesville.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

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!**

# Step 1

***“We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable.”***

Or as I like to call it, the “I’m f#%\*ed and my life is f#%\*ed, now what?” step. (I hope, dear reader, you are laughing right now, because that is the ONLY acceptable response. Fret not! If you didn’t laugh, immediately go and read your Big Book. Might I recommend, “More about Alcoholism”?)



It took me a full year being in the rooms, starting and restarting the steps, and doing service to finally complete my first- first step. I say my first because every time I am in a room full of alcoholics I am redoing my first step! “Oh right, that’s me; that’s my story”, I say to myself.

The principle of Honesty (1st step principle) but also Acceptance hit me over the head while simultaneously putting me at ease. I do not have anything figured out nor did I nor will I. And isn’t that wonderful! I see myself in *every share now*.

Before I picked up my 1 year medallion, “you people” were *clearly the alcoholics not me. Sure, I’m a hot mess and I crave alcohol just about every day but I don’t actually take the drink. That, my friends, is the alcoholic mind in action. My pathology allows me to think I can play God; my sobriety, that is working a program, saves me from doing so. That’s how I don’t die.*

Whether you have 30 days or 30 years, I invite you to remember that none of us can afford to NOT take this step every day, if not every minute. More than any other step, it is the one that keeps me coming back. Namaste.

~AT., YPG

## Bring the body and the mind will follow.

**STRAIGHT  
OUTTA**

**THE FIRST 164 PAGES**

### Future Topics

“Learning to Love Myself” February

“Sobriety and Luck” March

“Letting Go” April

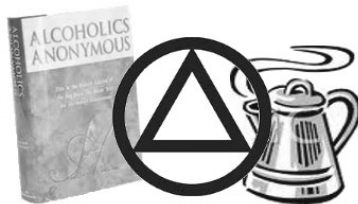
↘ ***Get Published!***

Entry deadline is the 12th of each month.

Send your topic articles, op-eds, opinions or cartoons to:

**[Post@AAGainesville.org](mailto:Post@AAGainesville.org)**

# 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: 12:00 - 6:00 pm  
 Saturday: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 Sunday: Closed



## POST Submissions

Send articles and anniversaries to [Post@AAGainesville.org](mailto: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](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 [office.manager@AAGainesville.org](mailto:office.manager@AAGainesville.org) with requests.

**Our next Intergroup meeting**  
 will be held on the last  
 Sunday of the month:  
**January 26th @ 1:00**  
 At the Triangle Club (1005 SE 4th Ave)

Check out our new website @  
**[www.AAGainesville.org](http://www.AAGainesville.org)**



# Intergroup Chairperson's Corner

Hi everyone!

I want to thank everybody who helped out with the Gratitude Dinner again! Thanks so much for your service. We could not do this annual event without you :) And thanks to everyone who donated to the **record setting** cake auction! That will help us tremendously in carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. What a great group of people we have in our district. It's an honor to be a small part in it.

Next up is the annual Alkathon! Noon New Years Eve to noon New Years Day. 24 straight hours of meetings at the Triangle Club! There is a copy of the schedule in the POST, and numerous hard copies out and about also. It's always a great time ringing in the New Year at the club with meetings, food, coffee, and great fellowship. Hope to see you there!

Thanks for allowing me to serve you!  
 Greg N. (352) 283 2648, [gregnorm5@aol.com](mailto:gregnorm5@aol.com)

## Thanks to the following 5 Groups and Individuals who sent in a donation to Intergroup in November of 2019

**Haile Freedom Group \$128.00**

**Micanopy Group \$40.00**

**New Freedom Group \$270.00**

**Out to Lunch Bunch \$50.00**

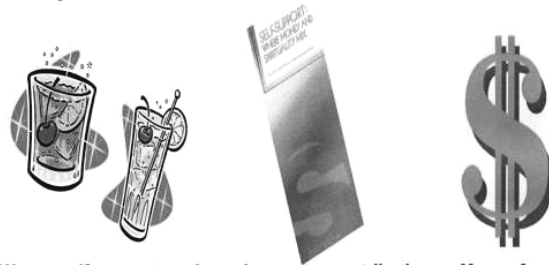
**The Geezer's \$50.00**

**Total \$538.00**

Support  
your Home  
Group

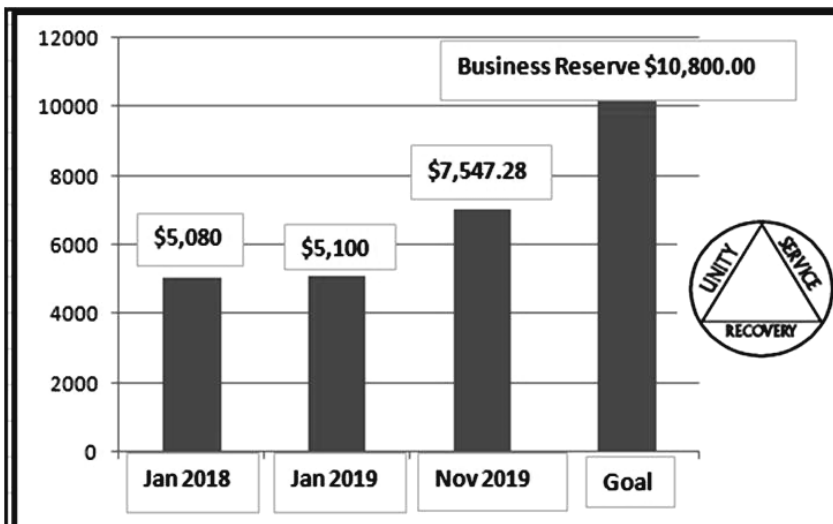
### 7TH TRADITION CHALLENGE

"Now that we are sober in A.A., the word 'support' has to do with sharing, people, self-respect, gratitude, and what we are privileged to give - not take - in material terms."



We are self-supporting through our own contributions ~ Many of our branches are suffering from lack of support (GSO, Area, H&I, Central Office). How much does one drink cost? If it were not for Alcoholics Anonymous, we'd be drinking plenty!

Drop the cost of one drink into your home groups basket when it comes by . . . you can't afford not to!



**North Central Florida Intergroup**  
**November 24, 2019**

**ATTENDANCE** – GN (Chair), JW (Secretary), PC (Alt Secretary), PB (Treasurer), MR (Alt Treasurer), FS (Office Mgr), DO (POST), WM (Webmaster); JH (Activities); TR; BB; JVB; TC; JH; JM; JF; MR; S; AO; NL; and KD

**MINUTES** – JW presented the October minutes (page 7 of the POST); read and approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – PB reviewed the October Treasurer's Report (page 8 of the POST); Office Prudent Reserve is \$7,539.63 (conservative goal is \$10,800.00). Gratitude Dinner Reserve (goal reached) is \$3,500.00 (*Note: this Report was prior to Dinner event; final calculation with additional expenses and income not included*). Report approved.

**PHONE COMMITTEE** –SS not present but it was reported that the phone grid is full at this time. Information on alternative phone carrier to be researched due to high cost of AT&T phone service.

**POST** – DO reiterated deadline to submit birthdays is 12th of each month; early submissions are appreciated. Volunteers requested for writing articles (Pages 1 & 4). Please notify Debra before 12th of month if interested in writing an article. Also, suggestions for future topics requested. (Post@AAGainesville.org)

**LITERATURE & MERCHANDISE/WHERE & WHEN** – FS reported that all are up to date. One correction will be made: Serenity Seekers, Wednesday night women's meeting, correct time is 7:30.

**WEBSITE** – WM reported that the website is up-to-date. Thank you's extended to JH for her assistance and to DO's efforts to redact the Post for publication on website. New website development anticipated to be running by end of December: filtered meeting list. By entering specifics (for example Monday, Women) only meetings that match filtered description will be shown. Prior to this the only list available was the entire list of all meetings.

**ACTIVITIES** – JH reported for Activities – Thanksgiving speaker meeting and dinner on 11/28/19 at Triangle Club. Sponsoring Groups include: Eye Opener, New Living, Gratitude, Unity, and Downtown.

**DCM REPORT** – There was no representative as a DCM, but it was reported that the next Area Assembly will be held 1/3/20 – 1/5/20 in St. Augustine; Saturday workshops & Sunday Area Assembly Meeting. Look for more information to participate in Service Fair in early 2020.

**OLD BUSINESS** – No unresolved old business.

**NEW BUSINESS** – GN asked for Groups to volunteer to hold a meeting during New Years Eve Alkathon at the Triangle Club. Groups will be randomly selected by drawing to determine what time each Group will hold its meeting. Groups holding regular meetings at the Triangle Club during the Alkathon will continue holding those regular meetings as part of the Alkathon (including but not limited to Downtown Group's Birthday Night at 8:30). No baskets will be passed during the Alkathon meetings (Intergroup will pay meeting rent and provide coffee and snacks – food donations welcome).

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

**Next Meeting - the Last Sunday of the Month**  
**1PM at the Triangle Club**

## Intergroup Treasurer's Report: November 2019

| <i>Sales</i>       | <i>Current</i>  | <i>Y.T.D.</i>    | <i>Purchases</i>       | <i>Current</i> | <i>Y.T.D.</i>   |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| A.A. Literature    | 917.70          | 8,825.46         | A.A. Literature        | 23.00          | 4,516.46        |
| Chips              | 135.45          | 1,301.52         | Chips                  | 0.00           | 745.85          |
| Medallions         | 50.00           | 1,528.94         | Medallions             | 0.00           | 409.96          |
| Other Merchandise  | 6.75            | 461.29           | Other Merchandise      | 0.00           | 109.67          |
| Where and Whens    | 81.90           | 592.11           | Where and Whens        | 0.00           | 672.75          |
| <b>Total Sales</b> | <b>1,191.80</b> | <b>12,709.32</b> | <b>Total Purchases</b> | <b>23.00</b>   | <b>6,454.69</b> |

**Sales Tax Collected**                      **83.49**                      **888.83**

| <i>Activities Revenues</i>       |                 |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Gratitude Dinner Tickets         | 880.00          | 3,170.00        |
| Gratitude Dinner Contributions   | 68.00           | 338.00          |
| Gratitude Dinner Cake Auction    | 4,639.00        | 4,639.00        |
| Gratitude Dinner 50/50 Raffle    | 467.00          | 467.00          |
| <b>Total Activities Revenues</b> | <b>6,054.00</b> | <b>8,614.00</b> |

| <i>Activities Expenses</i>       |               |                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Alkathon                         | 0.00          | 0.00            |
| Emotional Sobriety Workshop      | 0.00          | 0.00            |
| Gratitude Dinner                 | 979.99        | 2,871.67        |
| Hawthorne Picnic Donation        | 0.00          | 200.00          |
| <b>Total Activities Expenses</b> | <b>979.99</b> | <b>3,071.67</b> |

| <i>Contributions</i>         |               |                  |
|------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Faithful Fivers and Tanners  | 45.00         | 1,910.00         |
| Group Contributions          | 538.00        | 8,487.52         |
| Office Reserve Contributions | 0.00          | 480.00           |
| <b>Total Contributions</b>   | <b>583.00</b> | <b>10,877.52</b> |

| <i>Committee Expenses</i>       |             |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Phone Committee                 | 0.00        | 0.00        |
| Steering Committee              | 0.00        | 0.00        |
| The Post                        | 0.00        | 0.00        |
| Website Committee               | 0.00        | 0.00        |
| <b>Total Committee Expenses</b> | <b>0.00</b> | <b>0.00</b> |

| <i>Overhead Expenses</i>          |                 |                  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Corp Filing Fees                  | 0.00            | 113.75           |
| Insurance                         | 0.00            | 526.11           |
| Intergroup's Monthly Meeting      | 39.10           | 432.30           |
| Internet                          | 65.68           | 722.43           |
| Office Expenses                   | 30.25           | 659.57           |
| Office Rent                       | 190.00          | 2,280.00         |
| Office Manager Salary             | 540.27          | 7,580.54         |
| Payroll Taxes                     | 0.00            | 497.21           |
| Postage                           | 24.85           | 313.94           |
| Printing: Other                   | 0.00            | 81.82            |
| Printing: Phone Volunteer Packets | 0.00            | 0.00             |
| Printing: POST                    | 102.00          | 1,291.56         |
| State Sales Tax                   | 80.01           | 784.87           |
| Telephone                         | 162.69          | 1,559.78         |
| Website Fees                      | 0.00            | -228.78          |
| <b>Total Overhead Expenses</b>    | <b>1,234.85</b> | <b>16,615.10</b> |

| <i>Fund Balance</i>             |          |                 |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| <i>Checking</i>                 |          |                 |
| Checking @ 1st of Mo.           | 1,196.96 |                 |
| Current Deposits                | 7,912.29 |                 |
| Current Expenditures            | 2,237.84 |                 |
| <b>Ending Balance, Checking</b> |          | <b>6,871.41</b> |

*Contributions are credited for the month they are deposited, hence some contributions may not be credited till next month.*

| <i>Reserves</i>                        |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| <b>Ending Balance, Grat. Din. Res.</b> | <b>3,500.00</b> |
| <b>Ending Balance, Off. Res.</b>       | <b>7,547.28</b> |

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**DISTRICT 14***Serving Alachua County***DCM Corner**

Hello District 14, your DCM here with some end of the year updates rolling into the upcoming year.

First and foremost is area assembly happening in St. Augustine the first weekend of January. This is an excellent opportunity to hit the ground running on your new year's resolution to get re-involved with aa service work. This will not be a serious high level area assembly and will be an easy way to get back into the swing of things if you are returning. This area assembly is also great for first timers looking to get their feet wet and learn the lay of the land at area assembly. I will be there and look forward to seeing you there.

Next up is exciting news for District 14. We are **FINALLY** having another service fair in Gainesville and its going to be **BIG**. We have the area delegate coming into town with several of her officers to educate and speak to us on aa service work. We also have several of the young people committees from throughout the state of Florida coming to the service fair to lend their energy to this event and hopefully to learn a little bit more about general aa service work. The service fair will be occurring at the Triangle club from 12:00 – 5:00 on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are still working on the agenda and theme, but please keep an eye open for upcoming flyers at the triangle club and elsewhere.

I look forward to seeing you all in 2020.

Chris M. DCM District 14 (954) 540-8046

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## District 14 Service Committee Meetings

### District 14 Business Meeting

2nd Wednesday, 6:00 pm  
Westminster Presbyterian Church

### Accessibilities

1st Saturday, 5:00 pm  
Triangle Club

### 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

### Literature

1st Saturday, 5:00 pm  
Triangle Club

### 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!

## District 14 Business Meeting - December 11th, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by CM. Minutes recorded by WM.

**In attendance- Officers:** CM. DCM, KP. *Treasurer Committee Chairs:* MC. Literature, GN. Intergroup, HP. Website, MC. Archives, KM. CPC/PI, GZ. Corrections *GSRs/Alt GSRs:* KG. By the Book, DN. Afternoon Reflections, VP. Alachua Tuesday Night, CC. Beginner's Mind, CH. Cross Creek Live and Let Live, MO. Downtown Group, JP. Everything or Nothing, DR. Everything or Nothing, KL. Fourth Dimension, BA. Gratitude, JM. Promises, JP. Sunday Morning 10th/11th Step, MM. TILIS, RG. Unity, DF. Past Delegate, GM. Renacer, DL. Monday Night Big Book Study, JT. Monday Night Big Book Study, ML. Way Out Group

**Treasurer** - KP. Treasurer's report accepted.

**DCM-** CM. Next year's Service Fair will be held on Sunday, February 2nd at the Triangle Club 12-5 PM. We are still working on the agenda but should be releasing a flyer disclosing the schedule soon. CM looks forward to seeing you at Area Assembly January 3-5th.

**Alt DCM-** DA. There are no more rooms available at our discounted group rate for Area Assembly, thanks to all who signed up ahead of the Event!

**Archives-** MC. There will be an Archives workshop on Saturday, January 18th in Tampa. The Cost is \$25.00 for the whole event, including food, coffee and conference. Pre-registration ends 12/23/2019. After 12/23/2019, the price will be \$25.00 to be paid in full at registration or online. Please register early at [oldtimeaa.com](http://oldtimeaa.com)! All proceeds go to supporting Dr. Bob's House.

**Corrections-** GZ. for LR. Although all our meetings are currently covered, we are always looking for new people to join the Corrections Committee- Help Us expand our outreach!

**CPC/PI-** KM. Our last committee meeting was jam-packed, thanks to HP. For organizing. CPC/PI was very well received at our event last month at GHS- thanks to MO. for speaking and all of those who participated. The Committee is looking for new places around town where we can distribute our discreet new business cards- if you have a relationship with a Healthcare professional with whom you're comfortable breaking your anonymity- please ask if they'd like to carry these business cards. Contact KM. At [FLDistrict14CPCPI@gmail.com](mailto:FLDistrict14CPCPI@gmail.com) if you are interested.

**Grapevine-** *Vacant*

**Literature-** MC. The Literature Committee meeting will now be held along with the Treatment Committee meeting on the first Monday of the month at the Triangle Club 6:30 PM.

**Accessibilities-** *Vacant* Next meeting will be held at the Triangle Club on January 4th at 5 PM.

**Treatment-** DS. Next meeting will be held at the Triangle Club on January 6th at 6:30 PM.

**Website-** HP. Website Committee is in good shape.

**Intergroup-** GN. Thanks to everyone who made helped make last month's Gratitude Dinner a big success! The money we raised not only helps fund our dwindling prudent reserve, but enables us to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. *Alkathon* will begin at 12 PM on New Year's Eve and end 24 hours later at the Triangle Club- please see [aagainesville.org](http://aagainesville.org) to view the schedule.

**New Business-** CM. requested to use funding from Accessibilities Committee (\$300.00) to provide a budget for food services and planning for the *Service Fair*- a motion was made, seconded and it was passed.

12th Concept and 12th Tradition read by CM.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM. Next district meeting January 8th at 6:00 PM.

See [AAGainesville.org](http://AAGainesville.org) for more information.

**Treasurer Report for December 2019 Meeting**

**Report on November Financial Activity  
Fiscal Year April 2019-March 2020**

|   | Amount              | Year to Date         |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Opening Bank Balance</b>   | <b>\$ 10,854.59</b> |                      |
| Group Donations   | \$ 562.20           | \$ 5,054.50          |
| Committee Expenses  | \$ (86.03)          | \$ (1,964.39)        |
| D 14 Expenses   | \$ (35.00)          | \$ (1,734.81)        |
|   |                     |                      |
| <b>Total Month's Expense</b>  | <b>\$ (121.03)</b>  | <b>\$ (3,699.20)</b> |
| <b>Closing Bank Balance</b>   | <b>\$ 11,295.76</b> |                      |
| Money Held in Reserve:  |                     |                      |
| Founder's Day - Reserve for 2020 (\$44.59+\$357.91 FCYPPA Donation) | \$ 402.50           |                      |
| Service Fair - Reserve for 2019                                     | \$ -                |                      |
| Prudent Reserve   | \$ 5,000.00         |                      |
| <b>Operating Cash (bank balance minus reserves)</b>                 | <b>\$ 5,893.26</b>  |                      |

**Group Donations 2019 - 2020**

| 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         |                 |                  | \$ 50.00           |                  |                  | \$ 50.00         |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 160.00          |
| Afternoon Reflections                         |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ -               |
| Alachua Tuesday Night                         |                  |                 |                  | \$ 22.00           |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 22.00           |
| All Inclusive Solutions                       |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  | \$ 210.00        |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 210.00          |
| Beginner's Mind                               | \$ 40.00         |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  | \$ 40.00         |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 80.00           |
| Big Book Basics                               |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ -               |
| Bring Your Own Book (BYOB)                    |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  | \$ 63.20         |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 63.20           |
| By The Book 000626763                         |                  |                 |                  | \$ 50.00           |                  | \$ 209.09        | \$ 91.56         |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 350.65          |
| Cross Creek Group                             |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ -               |
| Campus Group                                  |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ -               |
| Design For Living                             |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ -               |
| Downtown Group                                |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ -               |
| Every Step We Take                            |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ -               |
| Everything or Nothing                         |                  |                 | \$ 50.00         |                    |                  | \$ 50.00         |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 100.00          |
| Eye Opener                                    |                  | \$ 35.88        |                  | \$ 100.00          | \$ 9.63          |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 145.51          |
| Faith, Hope, & Strength (Pt White)            |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  | \$ 10.00         |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 10.00           |
| FCYPPA  |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  | \$ 375.91        |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 375.91          |
| Fourth Dimension                              |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ -               |
| Free To Be 129840                             | \$ 74.40         |                 |                  | \$ 41.81           |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 116.21          |
| Geezer's Group (Thursday Night)               |                  | \$ 10.00        |                  |                    | \$ 10.00         |                  | \$ 10.00         | \$ 10.00         |             |             |             |             | \$ 40.00           |
| Gift of Sobriety                              |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ -               |
| Good Morning God                              |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ -               |
| Gratitude Group                               |                  |                 |                  | \$ 100.00          |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 100.00          |
| Grupo Renacer 000725196                       |                  |                 | \$ 10.00         |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 10.00           |
| H.A.L.T Group                                 |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ -               |
| Hawthorne Group 000150412                     | \$ 17.00         |                 |                  |                    |                  | \$ 28.00         |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 45.00           |
| Hampton Hole in the Wall                      | \$ 10.87         |                 |                  | \$ 9.82            |                  | \$ 10.55         |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 31.24           |
| Into Action                                   |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ -               |
| Keep it Simple                                |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ -               |
| Keystone Hits Group                           |                  |                 | \$ 50.00         |                    |                  |                  |                  | \$ 50.00         |             |             |             |             | \$ 100.00          |
| Language of the Hearts 000667336              |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  | \$ 7.00          |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 7.00            |
| Lawley Primary Purpose                        |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  | \$ 200.00        |             |             |             |             | \$ 200.00          |
| Live and Let Live                             |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  | \$ 87.00         |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 87.00           |
| Melrose Happy Hour                            |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ -               |
| Micanopy Group                                |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  | \$ 40.00         |             |             |             |             | \$ 40.00           |
| New Freedom 690149                            | \$ 105.00        |                 |                  | \$ 301.73          | \$ 115.05        |                  |                  | \$ 135.00        |             |             |             |             | \$ 656.78          |
| No Name Yet Group                             |                  |                 |                  | \$ 30.00           |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 30.00           |
| Out To Lunch Bunch                            |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  | \$ 50.00         |             |             |             |             | \$ 50.00           |
| Peace Seekers                                 |                  |                 |                  |                    | \$ 100.00        |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 100.00          |
| Promises                                      |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ -               |
| Suit up & Show up                             |                  |                 |                  | \$ 80.00           |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 80.00           |
| Starke Happy Hour                             | \$ 137.92        |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 137.92          |
| Student Group                                 |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  | \$ 110.25        |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 110.25          |
| Tues Night Step Study                         |                  |                 | \$ 100.00        | \$ 50.00           |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 150.00          |
| Thurs Night Alachua Group                     |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ -               |
| TILIS Men's Group                             |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ -               |
| The Loft                                      |                  | \$ 20.00        |                  | \$ 20.00           |                  |                  | \$ 20.00         |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 60.00           |
| Vision For You, A                             |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ -               |
| Way Out Group                                 | \$ 100.00        |                 |                  |                    | \$ 80.00         | \$ 160.00        |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 340.00          |
| Wholesale Miracle                             |                  |                 |                  |                    |                  |                  |                  | \$ 77.20         |             |             |             |             | \$ 77.20           |
| Women's Serenity Seekers 136866               |                  |                 | \$ 120.00        |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 120.00          |
| Women's Step Study (Thursday morning)         | \$ 100.63        |                 |                  |                    | \$ 128.00        |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 228.63          |
| Emotional Sobriety                            |                  |                 |                  | \$ 100.00          |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 100.00          |
| Miscellaneous                                 |                  |                 |                  | \$ 520.00          |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |             |             |             | \$ 520.00          |
| <b>Totals</b>                                 | <b>\$ 645.82</b> | <b>\$ 65.88</b> | <b>\$ 330.00</b> | <b>\$ 1,475.36</b> | <b>\$ 442.68</b> | <b>\$ 551.64</b> | <b>\$ 980.92</b> | <b>\$ 562.20</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ 5,054.50</b> |

**AA is not something you join, it is a way of life.**

# Gratitude Dinner 2019 Results!

|  | Cost's            | Location/Vendor           |  |               |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|--|---------------|
| Hall Rental                            | \$1,150.00        | Springhill Baptist Church | <b>2019's Gratitude Dinner Total</b>   |               |
| Ticket Cost                            | \$52.25           | Xerographics              |  |               |
| Flyers                                 | \$49.00           | Xerographics              | <b>2019's Prudent Reserve</b>          | \$ 3,500.00   |
| Name Tags 600ct                        | \$12.21           | Amazon                    | <b>TicketSales</b>                     | \$ 3,170.00   |
| Sharpies (6)                           | \$5.54            | Amazon                    | <b>Grp/Ind Donations</b>               | \$ 338.00     |
| 50/50 Tickets/Baskets                  | \$3.00            | In Stock/\$Tree           | <b>50/50 Raffle</b>                    | \$ 467.00     |
| Give Away Tickets Blue 2000ct          | 9.68              | Amazon                    | <b>Cake Auction</b>                    | \$ 4,639.00   |
| Speaker= Frame/Pic, Coffee/Mug & Card  | \$105.00          | Gift Card /Assorted       |  |               |
| Turkeys and Hams                       | \$385.00          | TMCU/Greg                 | <b>Totals</b>                          | \$12,114.00   |
| Gravy/In Stock                         | \$0.00            | Fl. Food Services         |  |               |
| Food Prep Material (Chaf Pans, Etc. )  | \$19.38           | Sams/Family\$/ \$Tree     | <b>Expenditures (Deduct)</b>           | \$ (2,596.67) |
| Butter                                 | \$31.16           | Fl. Food Services         | <b>Total</b>                           | \$ 9,517.33   |
| Dinner Rolls                           | \$33.93           | Flowers Baking            |  |               |
| Table Covers & Decorations             | \$185.53          | \$Gen/Fam\$/ \$Tree       | <b>Intergroup's Donations;</b>         |               |
| Table Snacks                           | \$53.28           | Sam's Club                | <b>Springhill Baptist Church</b>       | \$ (125.00)   |
| Fruit                                  | \$71.75           | Rainbow Produce           | <b>Fellowship Church</b>               | \$ (75.00)    |
| Napkins                                | \$7.98            | Sam Club                  | <b>Triangle Club</b>                   | \$ (75.00)    |
| Sterno ( 12 6hr )                      | \$29.30           | \$Tree/Family\$           |  |               |
| Folgers Coffee (2 @ 8.98)              | \$17.96           | Sams Club                 | <b>Total Revenue</b>                   | \$ 9,242.33   |
| Sryup Sweet & Unsweet Tea              | \$25.96           | Rural King                |  |               |
| Coffe Cups 10oz 300ct                  | \$22.14           | Amazon                    |  |               |
| 16 oz Beverage Cups (3 @132 10.58)     | \$31.68           | Sams Club                 | <b>Add to Gratitude Dinner Reserve</b> | \$ (3,500.00) |
| Chinet 10oz Paper Plates 165@17.48 (2) | \$35.96           | Sams Club                 | <b>2020's Reserve</b>                  |               |
| 6 7/8 Dessert Plate (330) (2@12.48)    | \$24.96           | Sams Club                 |  |               |
| Forks/Baskets                          | \$23.92           | Sams Club                 |  |               |
| Knives 600ct                           | \$21.96           | Sams Club                 |  |               |
| Coffee Stirrs 500ct                    | \$7.99            | Amazon                    | <b>Added to Office Resereve</b>        | \$ (3,200.00) |
| Powdered Milk                          | \$9.77            | Sams Club                 |  |               |
| Moo Moo Creamers                       | \$7.63            | Sams Club                 |  |               |
| Sugar Cannister (8pk)                  | \$9.92            | Sams Club                 | <b>Added to Business Checking</b>      | \$ 2,542.33   |
| Paper Towels                           | \$8.31            | Amazon                    |  |               |
| Salt Left Over/ Pepper Packets         | \$5.96            | Sams Club                 |  |               |
| Misc. Purchases, Water                 | \$8.14            |                           |  |               |
| Planning Committee Costs               | \$123.15          |                           |  |               |
| Added Sales Tax                        | \$7.27            |                           |  |               |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>              | <b>\$2,596.67</b> |                           |  |               |

*Intergroup would like to express our sincere gratitude for the many amazing volunteers who helped make our Annual Gratitude Dinner another successful event filled with fun, food and most of all fellowship!*

*Thank you also to all those who bought tickes and came out to eat and participate. We couldn't do it without each and every one of you!!*