# P.O.S.T. Power of Sober Thinking

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It's kind of ironic that I've been sober for almost two years, thanks to God and Alcoholics Anonymous, yet I'm often guilty of EGO. I think EGO (Edging God Out) is a major part of my disease. It manifests itself in many forms. I often have to check myself and so does my sponsor and other alcoholics when I attempt to put other matters before my recovery, God, and simply doing the right thing.

For some reason I guess I think that putting my gym routine, video games, or dating first is a good idea. Throughout my sobriety so far I've noticed that when I do this my serenity begins to suffer and I begin to feel like I did when I was actively drinking (e.g., restless, irritable, discontent). When I don't do the things I'm supposed to do, when I don't do the right thing, when I only think of myself and the things I want to do, I believe I'm Edging

God Out. Nevertheless, pausing, taking a deep breath, and saying to myself "thy will not mine be done", usually immediately reconnects me with my higher power and reminds me that when I Edge God Out, I edge the troublemaker back in. That's me. It's so important for me to stay connected to my higher power through continuously working the 12-steps, going to meetings, and working with other alcoholics.

Because for me I think, I not only have mental blind spots for taking that first drink. I think I have blind spots for making poor decisions when I try to run my life without God. Doing the aforementioned things eliminates those blind spots. For the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous and my Higher Power can see what I cannot. They have been able to all along.

Intergroup is updating our email distribution list!

Please make sure that we have your group's up to date contact information! Send any updates to

doriekf@yahoo.com

## LOOKING FOR IN-PERSON MEETINGS?

Use the Meetings tab at the top of every webpage.

Both the "List all meetings" and the "Get a custom List" options will produce a listing of all current in-person meetings.



The danger of infection has not passed.

The guidelines for limiting the number of people attending, for safe social distancing, and for wearing of masks are still in place.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

- Intergroup is looking for office volunteers, contact Fred 386-628-2541 or stop by Intergroup on Thursdays noon-6
- ◆ The A.A. Hotline and the Intergroup office received 34 phone calls in February.
- ♦ Lets welcome Pam S. to the Intergroup office volunteers staff, Pam S. is also Intergroup's Alt. Treasurer
- ♦ Remember to send all submissions for the Post to post@aagainesville.org no later than the 12th of each month
- Ideas or suggestions for Intergroup, send them to gainesville.intergroup@gmail.com
- Meeting being re-activated or changes need to be made? Send updates to webmaster@aagainesville.org
- The Florida 64th State Convention is being held August 5th-8th, for information go to www.64.floridastateconvention.com

Groups represented at Intergroup's February's Meeting

Downtown Group, Fourth Dimension, Gratitude Group, Beginners Group, Melrose 12 & 12, New Life Group, Pamphlet Palooza, 101th and 11th Step Group Tuesday Night Step Study, Women's Serenity Seekers, Young People's Group

Thank you for your service to Intergroup

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

"Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole. "

Tradition Four is a specific application of general principles already outlined in Traditions One and Two. Tradition One states: "Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. AA must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward." Tradition Two states: "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience."

With these concepts in mind, let us look more closely at Tradition Four. The first sentence guarantees each AA group local autonomy. With respect to its own affairs, the group may make any decisions, adopt any attitudes that it likes. No overall or intergroup authority should challenge this primary privilege. We feel this ought to be so, even though the group might sometimes act with complete indifference to our Tradition. For example, an AA group could, if it wished, hire a paid preacher and support him out of the proceeds of a group nightclub. Though such an absurd procedure would be miles outside our Tradition, the group's "right to be wrong" would be held inviolate. We are sure that each group can be granted, and safely granted, these most extreme privileges. We know that our familiar process of trial and error would summarily eliminate both the preacher and the nightclub. These severe growing pains which invariably follow any radical departure from AA Tradition can be absolutely relied upon to bring an erring group back into line. An AA group need not be coerced by any human government over and above its own members. Their own experience, plus AA opinion in surrounding groups, plus God's prompting in their group conscience would be sufficient. Much travail has already taught us this. Hence we may confidently say to each group, "You should be responsible to no other authority than your own conscience."

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Yet please note one important qualification. It will be seen that such extreme liberty of thought and action applies only to the group's own affairs. Rightly enough, this Tradition goes on to say, "But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, these groups ought to be consulted." Obviously, if any individual, group, or regional committee could take an action that might seriously affect the welfare of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole or seriously disturb surrounding groups, that would not be liberty at all. It would be sheer license; it would be anarchy, not democracy. Therefore, we AAs have universally adopted the principle of consultation. This means that if a single AA group wishes to

Therefore, we AAs have universally adopted the principle of consultation. This means that if a single AA group wishes to take an action that might affect surrounding groups, it consults them. Or, it confers with the intergroup committee for the area, if there be one. Likewise, if a group or regional committee wishes to take any action that might affect AA as a whole, it consults the trustees of the Alcoholic Foundation, who are, in effect, our overall general service committee. For instance, no group or inter group could feel free to initiate, without consultation, any publicity that might affect AA as a whole. Nor could it assume to represent the whole of Alcoholics Anonymous by printing and distributing anything purporting to be AA standard literature. This same principle would naturally apply to all similar situations. Though there is no formal compulsion to do so, all undertakings of this general character are customarily checked with our AA general Headquarters.

This idea is clearly summarized in the last sentence of Tradition Four, which observes, "On such issues our common welfare is paramount." - AA Grapevine, 1948

## Heard in a meeting:

"The best thing about telling the truth is that you don't have to remember what you said."







<u>Downtown Group</u>	Everything or Nothing	Tuesday Night Step Study
BP – 2 yrs (Jan)	VI – 2 yrs	JW – 38 yrs
DH – 8 yrs (Feb)	BH – 4 yrs	
	JP - 4 yrs	Women's Step Study
Women's Serenity Seekers	PM - 4 yrs	SS - 4 yrs
SM – 3 yrs	KB - 5 yrs	EW - 7 yrs
CW – 30 yrs	EC - 11 yrs	KC—2 yrs (Feb)
KC – 2 yrs (Feb)		CC—4 yrs (Feb)
CC – 4 yrs (Feb)	Gratitude Group	ST—9 yrs( Feb)
ST – 9 yrs (Feb)	LK – 11 yrs	

April Birthdays? Send them by Apr 12th to <u>POST@AAGainesville.org</u> expect nothing appreciate everything

## 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**

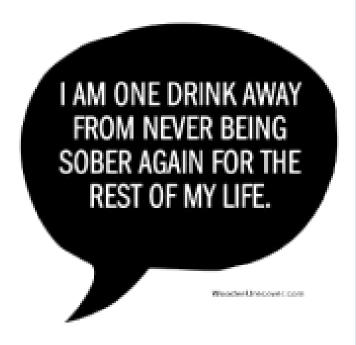
PO Box 459, Grand Central Station NY, NY 10163 (Checks payable to GSO)

Self-support: Where money and spirituality mix!

# Step 4 "Made a searching and fearless moral inventory or ourselves."

What is it about Step 4 that causes so many AA's anxiety? Why are these things so difficult to write down on paper? For me, I used the excuse of not wanting to dig up those things I had put into the past as a way to avoid doing the work. I could not imagine how this step could relieve me of my difficulties. And this was the problem... I was unable to believe. Steps 2 and 3 suggested that this "faith" was necessary, and I can see now that I became willing to try when I exercised the trust in my sponsor, the others in the fellowship and the program itself. I decided to try and I sincerely (and secretly) hoped that it would work for me. And it did.

Someone I respect greatly says "A small amount of willingness creates more willingness" ... and it took a lot of it for me to get through step 4. To put pen to paper and write a history of my resentments and wrongs. This simple act started the action part of my program, and through this the promises started coming true in my recovery.



## **Future Topics**

"Willingness is the Key"

May

"Don't Quit Before the Miracle Happens"

June

## Get Published!

Entry deadline is the 12th of each month

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

POST@AAGainesville.com





# North Central Florida Intergroup

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#### **Land Title Plaza**

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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

Sunday of the month:

April 25th @ 1:00

Check out our new website @

## www.AAGainesville.org



#### **POST Submissions**

Send articles and anniversaries to <u>Post@AAGainesville.org</u> 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 <u>Activities@AAGainesville.org</u>. 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**(a)AAGainesville.org with requests.

## Intergroup Chairperson's Corner

Hello Everyone,

I hope this finds everyone safe and well. There is not a lot to report on this month. However, we did have one exciting development. We have found someone who may be willing to be a candidate for the position of Intergroup Alternate Chair. As we like to say, more will be revealed. I would also like to thank everyone who is participating at Intergroup. The time and effort that our members are willing to put in that makes recovery in our area so special never ceases to amaze me. And thank you so much for allowing me to serve.

Bill Carter, Intergroup Chair

352.363.9337 wm carter@msn.com

## Thanks to the following 5 Groups and Individuals who sent in a donation to Intergroup in Feb. 2021

Individuals \$202.00
The Geezers \$200.00
Eye Opener Group \$492.00
Survivors Group \$15.00
Gratitude Group \$95.00
Peace Seekers \$200.00
\$1,204.00

Intergroup Accepts Contributions via Cash

Check made out to NCFI PayPal, gainesville.intergroup Venmo, gainesville.intergroup

#### How is Intergroup Funded?

North Central Florida Intergroup receives the majority of its operating funds from group contributions. Other funding is derived from: personal contributions, Faithful Tenner's, Faithful Fiver's and the annual Gratitude Dinner. The number of Groups and absolute number of AA's has dramatically increased in the past several years in Alachua County and surrounding areas in part due to the continued growth in the number of treatment facilities. The cost to support our groups continue to grow and we are grateful for their continued support.





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Sales	Current	Y.T.D.	Purchases	Current
A. Literature	368.40	968.70	A.A. Literature	168.83
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edallions	70.00	236.00	Medallions	0.00
ther Merchandise	5.00	39.50	Other Merchandise	0.00
Where and Whens	0.00	4.40	Where and Whens	0.00
Total Sales	469.95	1,445.25	Total Purchases	168.83
Sales Tax Collected	32.95	101.25		
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ratitude Dinner Cake Auction	0.00	0.00	Alkathon	0.00
Gratitude Dinner Contributions	0.00	0.00	Gratitude Dinner	0.00
Gratitude Dinner 50/50 Raffle	0.00	0.00	Hawthorne Picnic Donation	0.00
Gratitude Dinner Tickets	0.00	0.00	Phone Workshop	0.00
Total Activities Revenues	0.00	0.00	Total Activities Expenses	0.00
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aithful Fivers and Tenners	49.00	338.00	Phone Committee	0.00
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Overhead Expenses			Total Committee Expenses	0.00
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ternet	65.68	131.36	Checking @ 1st of Mo.	4,227.25
ffice Expenses	29.96	71.35	Current Deposits	1,755.90
ffice Rent	190.00	380.00	Current Expenditures	1,437.78
ffice Manager Salary	675.00	1,350.00	Transfer to Off. Res. Avail.	319.10
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ayroll Taxes	0.00	0.00		
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In November 1957, Bill wrote a Grapevine article entitled 
"Respecting Money," in which he juxtaposed outside contributions 
and self-support: "Our spiritual way of life is safe for future generations if, as a society, we resist the temptation to receive money 
from the outside world. But this leaves us with a responsibility—
one that every member ought to understand. We cannot skimp 
when the treasurer of our group passes the hat. Our groups, our areas, and A.A. as a whole will not function unless our services are
sufficient and our bills paid."

## Faithful Fiver

Faithful Fivers are AA members who graciously choose to contribute five dollars each month to support the Intergroup Office in its efforts to carry the AA message of hope & recovery to those alcoholics who still suffer, in the North Central Florida Intergroup Area. As a Faithful Fiver, your personal contribution will help to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

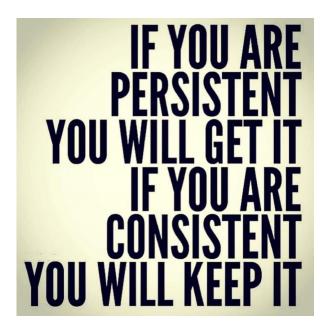
"The Faithful Fiver idea came about when we remembered that we wasted much more than \$5 each month during our drinking careers."

Payment Options: Checks, payable to NCFI, Cash, or Credit

Card (min charge \$25, fees waived).

Email any questions to: Gainesville.Intergroup@gmail.com

or call Fred S. @ 386-628-2541.





Intergroup now accepts PayPal & Venmo for Group, Individual, and Faithful 10er's and Fiver's

Send donations to: gainesville.intergroup@gmail.com

Under Notes: please include Group's name, Anonymous Individual or Faithful 10'er or 5'er Intergroup wishes to thank all who continue to contribute to help us help the still sick and suffering alcoholic

#### NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA INTERGROUP MONTHLY MEETING (VIA ZOOM)

#### **MINUTES**

#### **FEBRUARY 28, 2021**

Opening – BC, Chair, opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer at 1:00 PM

**WELCOME TO NEW INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES!** (IG Rep's) – **BC** (Invite them to enter contact info in CHAT BOX).

In Attendance (17) – BC (Chair); GN (Alt Chair, temp; and IG Rep Downtown Group); DK (Secretary & IG Rep Melrose 12&12); Paul B (Treasurer & IG Rep Tue Night Step Study); Matthew R (Zoom Master); Sue S (present by phone) (Phone Committee); TS (POST); FS (Office Manager/Literature & Merchandise); WM (Webmaster); NL (Alt Webmaster & IG Rep Young People's Group); and KP (Alt DCM-District 14 [D14]). IG Reps: BS (NEW IG Rep: Keystone Heights Beginners Group); CC (Fourth Dimension Group); GU (Pamphlet Palooza Group); JH (New Life Group); MC (NEW IG Rep: Gratitude Group); NG (10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Step); and PC (NEW IG Rep: Women's Serenity Seekers). Guest/s: BK.

**Secretary Report – DK:** The minutes of the January 31, 2021 meeting as they appear in the February POST were accepted. Motion by JH. Second by Paul B. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer Report – PG:** The Jan Report, as published in the Feb POST, was approved. Motion by MC. Second by JH. Motion passed unanimously. Paul noted that next month the Office Reserve fund total would increase to \$2,500.

**Phone Committee – SS**, telephoned her report to Bill C. He reported that there are currently 3 openings: Thursdays from 9 PM to Fridays at 7 AM; Saturdays from 6 – 10 PM; and Sundays from 10 PM to Mondays 7 AM.

**POST – TS:** The March edition can be found at <a href="www.aagainesville.org">www.aagainesville.org</a>. Please submit group member birthdays by the 12<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month. If you are not receiving reminders, please contact TS at <a href="post@aagainesville.org">post@aagainesville.org</a>. The POST staff welcomes all articles (see each issue for deadlines and upcoming themes) and suggestions.

**Lit & Merch/W&W – TS:** Another printing of Where & When is planned for late May or early June. He urged all groups to check the W&W and <a href="www.aagainesville.org">www.aagainesville.org</a> for accuracy of current group data. Revisions should be sent to <a href="mailto:office.manager@aagainesville.org">office.manager@aagainesville.org</a> and <a href="webmaster@aagainesville.org">webmaster@aagainesville.org</a> as soon as possible.

**Website –WM (Webmaster):** announced that the domain name for <a href="www.aagainesville.org">www.aagainesville.org</a> is up for renewal in early March. Intergroup will reimburse WM for his personal outlay and he will bill District 14 for its portion at the beginning of it fiscal year, in April.

Activities – WM for JH (Chair): JH has submitted several activity flyers to him. They are posted on the website.

- D14 DCM Report KP (Alt DCM): 1) TD was elected as DCM at the February District 14 meeting. 2) Monthly meetings will continue on Zoom on the second Wednesday of every month, at 6 PM. Follow Zoom link on <a href="https://www.aagainesville.org">www.aagainesville.org</a>. District 14 has requested an official roster of registered AA groups from Area 14 in order to begin a committee project to update communication lists. The committee plans to remotely contact each registered group. D14 and Intergroup will collaborate on this project. 3) Links to the GSC preconference agenda items, the preview meeting (3/6/21) and the Area 14 Delegate's pre-conference agenda meeting (3/20/21) are available on the <a href="https://www.aagainesville.org">www.aagainesville.org</a> and <a href="https://www.aagainesville.org">www.aanorthflorida.org</a> websites. 4) Area 14 is hosting Zoom workshops on AA's service legacy every Wednesday at 6 PM (see <a href="https://www.aanorthflorida.org">www.aanorthflorida.org</a>); and 5) D14 still needs a Grapevine Committee Chair. Please help us fill this position by spreading the word.
- Old Business DK. would like to update the email distribution list, which will require purging dozens of addresses. HOW TO REMAIN ON THE CURRENT LIST: 1) Reply to the next few emails from Dorie, per her instructions in the email; and/or 2) Reply to a running notice in The POST to send new contact info to Dorie. Unresponsive email addresses will be deleted from the current list on July 1, 2021; and 3) Collaborate with D14 Secretary as they begin to update its list.

**New Business – Elections: FS.** announced that the Gratitude Dinner date is in the planning stage and that it will be an inperson affair if at all possible.

BC closed the meeting at 1:44 with the Responsibility Declaration.

# Area 14 North Florida Come Celebrate Service with us!

### **Every Wednesday**

6:00 PM EST \* 5:00 PM CST \* 4:00 PM MST \* 3:00 PST

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Presented by Past Delegates, , Area Officers, Chairs and Service Coordinators and YOU!

3/03/2021 Meet Our Area Accessibilities Service Coordinator Tia M.

Is There A Map to the Background Material? How do

I find stuff?

3/10/2021 Meet Our Area Archives Service Coordinator Bob C.

All About GSRs - Vivian F.

3/17/2021 Meet Our Area Corrections Service Coordinator Nanette R

All About DCMs

3/24/2021 Spotlight TBA

Roberts Rules of Order Revealed

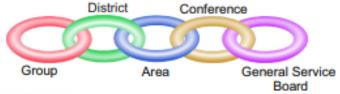
3/31/2021 Spotlight TBA

Service Sponsorship

#### Discuss All Things Service

What does the Service Manual suggest?
Why do we do it this way?
A workshop? Where do I start?
What else do I need to know?

What resources are available? Service at all Levels Where do I fit? Ask all your questions



Embrace Change Through Education

11 Power of Sober Thinking

## DCM Corner

I'm grateful to have the opportunity to serve District 14 as the DCM for the next two years. The culture of service in this area has always been strong, and I can't think of a time that it was needed more than it is now.

When I realized that the purpose of the AA Service Structure was to carry the message or recovery to the suffering alcoholic, I became a dedicated servant to that cause. Many of us have struggled for the past year because of the difficulty of meeting in person due to the current pandemic. Zoom meetings have helped carry us through this time, but many of us find them necessary, but not the same as meeting in person. Alcoholics Anonymous works on the principal of one alcoholic sharing their experience, strength, and hope with another alcoholic, and it's hard to make that same connection on Zoom. I imagine that it is even more difficult to make that connection for someone who is just trying to get sober, rather than maintain their sobriety. Remembering how little I was able to function when I got sober, I don't know if I could have gotten sober under these circumstances.

As we reach the close of meeting restrictions in the next few months as more and more people are vaccinated against Covid-19, it is going to be important for all of us to carry the message of recovery. District 14 is set up to do just that, and we need your help. The Corrections Committee carries the message to those in jail, and some of the jail meetings sponsored with the Corrections Committee have not been meeting during the pandemic. Hopefully, they will re-open in the next few months and will need volunteers to carry these meetings into the jails. The same is true for the meetings sponsored with the Treatment Committee, carrying meetings into treatment centers. The Literature Committee will need help placing literature about AA in public areas to reach those that don't know what AA can do for them or their loved ones. The PI / CPC Committee will need help getting information to the public and coordinated with the professional community about how AA works and how it can help those in need. All of these committees need support, active support, from the local AA community. We have a year's worth of suffering alcoholics that need our help!

Please give some thought as to how you can best support the District to extend the hand of AA. We are reminding the GSR's of all groups in District 14 that the District Business Meeting, held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6 pm, currently on Zoom, is where your group's voice is heard and carried throughout AA. The link to the Zoom meeting can be found on the aagainesville.org home page.

Now is the time when we must all consider our relationship to the Responsibility Pledge. "When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA to always be there. And for that, I am responsible."

Tobi Doering Area 14, District 14 DCM

## DISTRICT 14 BUSINESS MEETING Meeting Minutes February 10, 2021

Meeting called to order by Kris P., via Zoom, at 6:05 PM. She opened with the Serenity Prayer.

#### In attendance (18)

Officers: Kris P. - Alt DCM & GSR Keystone Heights Group; and Jace P. - Treasurer and GSR Everything or Nothing Group.

Committee Chairs: Bill B. - Corrections & GSR Way Out Group; Brian F. - Literature & GSR Afternoon Reflections; Chris Q. - CPC/PI; Mimi C. - Archives; and Sarah D. - Treatment.

Intergroup Reps: Bill Carter – North Central Florida Intergroup (I/G) Chair; and Greg N. – acting I/G Alt Chair.

GSR's (Alts): Alicia R. – Saturday Morning 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Step; Deedee D. – Kanapaha Open Discussion; Dorie K. – Melrose 12 & 12; Edie – Gratitude Group (Alt); Gerardo M. – New Freedom; Gerri U. – Pamphlet Palooza; Mary C. – Gratitude Group; and Tobi D. – Fourth Dimension Group.

Guests: Brandon E.

Officers: Chris M. DCM, Kris P. Treasurer Committee Chairs: Leigh R. Corrections, Matthew C. Literature,

Henry P. Website, Mimi C. Archives, Kathryn M. CPC/PI GSRs/Alt GSRs: Valeri P. Alachua Tuesday Night, Charlie C.

Beginner's Mind, Cason H. Cross Creek Live and Let Live, Jace P. Everything or Nothing, Bob A. Gratitude, Jay M. Promises,

Mike M. TILIS, Rick G. Unity, Danny F. Past Delegate, Mike O. Downtown Group, Gerardo M. Renacer, Daniel L. Monday

Night Big Book Study, Deedee D. Kanapaha Open Discussion, Sarah T. Women's Serenity Seekers, Michael L. Way Out Group,

Dania R. Everything or Nothing, Lee Kirby Free to Sarah D. -

#### Officer Reports

DCM - Position vacant

Alt DCM - Deferred comments to New Business.

Treasurer – A summary of the January 2021 treasurer report (attached) was presented. A copy was emailed to attendees in advance and it also was published in the February POST. Motion to accept (Brian F.). Second (Deedee D.). Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary – Position vacant

#### **Service Committee Reports**

Archives – Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of every month, at 6:30 PM, at a private residence. Members interested in participating should contact Mimi C. at <a href="mimicarr@mindspring.com">mimicarr@mindspring.com</a>. At the most recent in-person meeting, our Founders Day celebration was discussed assuming it will be held this year. The committee decided to present a short play about Bill and Lois W. as an alternative to the regular history talk. Mimi stated the \$250 annual committee budget is sufficient for 2021.

Corrections – Bill B. stated that the POST meeting information is correct. The committee meets in person on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, at 6:00 PM, at the Triangle Club. Only the Alachua County jail meeting has been active during the pandemic.

CPC/PI – The first meeting is scheduled for March 1st at 5:30 PM, on Zoom. Chris Q. is to provide the Zoom meeting ID and PW to Kris P, Area 14 CPC/PI Service Coordinator, the D14/Intergroup Webmaster; and the POST. Interested members are encouraged to contact Chris at <a href="mailto:cqualmann@gmail.com">cqualmann@gmail.com</a>.

#### Grapevine - Position vacant.

Literature – The committee held a planning meeting on Monday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> on Zoom; with Brian F., the new Chair; Tony, the new Alt Chair; and Matthew, the previous Chair. New members have been registered with GSO and Brian set up a Gmail account specific to committee business.

#### Accessibilities – Position vacant

**Treatment** – Sarah D., incoming Chair, requested all in attendance to share any information they have on treatment facilities in the District, as well as any experience they may have in carrying treatment meetings. Her email address is <a href="mailto:sarahdorr@yahoo.com">sarahdorr@yahoo.com</a>.

Website – Position vacant, but Greg N. announced that Nyree L., the Alt Webmaster, is willing to fill the position if no one else stands for it. He asked all to spread the word about the opening. Intergroup - Bill C., incoming Chair, announced that the Alt Intergroup Chair position remains open.

#### **Elections - Officers**

Secretary: Alicia R. stood alone and was elected unanimously. She has 14 years of sobriety and recently moved here from San Diego, where she served as a two-term secretary.

#### Alt Secretary: Position vacant.

DCM: Tobi D. stood alone and was elected unanimously. She has 27 years of sobriety and an extensive AA service record, including one term as a DCM in the Jacksonville area. She invited members to contact her at tobi@rejuvenata.com or 904.716.2078.

#### **Elections – Service Committees**

Accessibilities: Brandon E. stood alone and was elected unanimously. He has six months of continuous sobriety and approximately five years from an earlier time. He is an R.N., which will bring additional experience to the committee.

Grapevine: Position vacant.

Archives: Mimi C., outgoing chair, is continuing as Chair, but the position of Co-Chair is open.

#### Old Business - None

#### New Business

Budget: Kris P., Alt Chair, asked Jace P. to present the 2020 budget (see below) in order to finalize April 2021 – March 2022 budget at an upcoming meeting. She noted that donations are down significantly due to the pandemic's disruption of in-person meetings. She recommends we consider reducing the service committees' budgets in 2021, lest we must withdraw funds from the prudent reserve of \$5,000.

	<u>2020 Budget</u> (\$)				\$)
Admin expenses		725			572
Events, including Area Assemblies	2,400			2,400	
Accessibilities		300			300
Archives		250			250
Corrections		1,600			1,463
CPC/PI			750		
750					
Grapevine		100			100
Literature		200			200
Treatment		1,500			1,500
Website			250		
173					

Banking: Kris P. reported that Bank of America, our current bank, is requiring D14 to register with the state of Florida as a business/not for profit, which would result in higher fees. She found another bank, Vystar, which will be friendlier. A show of hands whether or not to change banks was requested. Vystar was selected unanimously.

Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Declaration at 7:10 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted on 2/11/2021, by Dorie K. (Substitute Secretary)

## District 14 Treasurer Report

### Report on February Financial Activity Fiscal Year April 2020-March 2021

Opening Bank Balance	\$	13,273.85	
Group and Individual Contributions	\$	185.00	\$ 2,701.21
Committee Expenses	\$	(515.00)	\$ (728.47)
D14 Expenses	\$	(3.65)	\$ (152.25)
Insufficient Funds - Group Contribution Check Returne	d		\$ -
Total Expenses	\$	(518.65)	\$ (880.72)
Closing Bank Balance	\$	12,940.20	
Money Held in Reserve:			
Founder's Day - Reserve for 2020 (\$402.50 *\$50)	\$	452.50	
Service Fair - Reserve for 2020(300.00-283.03)	\$	16.97	
Prudent Reserve	\$	5,000.00	
Operating Cash (bank balance minus reserves)	\$	7,470.73	

Group Contributions 2020 - 2021													
Group	Apr 20	May 20	June 20	July 20	Aug 20	Sept 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21	Y-T-D
10th & 11th Step (Saturday morning)	\$ 36.00						\$50.00			\$ 60.00			\$ 146.00
Bring Your Own Book (BYOB)	\$ 56.00												\$ 56.00
Everything or Nothing							\$25.00						\$ 25.00
Eye Opener			\$ 25.00	\$ 39.00			\$77.88			\$ 123.00			\$ 264.88
Free To Be 129840				\$ 90.15									\$ 90.15
Geezer's Group (Thursday Night)				\$ 10.00							\$ 60.00		\$ 70.00
Gratitude Group			\$ 100.00										\$ 100.00
Hawthorne Group 000150412				\$ 3.00									\$ 3.00
Hampton Hole in the Wall		\$ 11.87					\$20.46			\$ 13.45			\$ 45.78
Keystone Hts Group				\$ 50.00					\$50.00				\$ 100.00
Language of the Hearts 000667336				\$ 30.00									\$ 30.00
Lawtey Primary Purpose							\$150.00						\$ 150.00
Melrose Happy Hour #000127517				\$ 79.00									\$ 79.00
Micanopy Group										\$ 32.00			\$ 32.00
New Freedom 690149		\$ 135.00		\$ 150.00			\$225.00			\$ 180.00			\$ 690.00
Saviors Group				\$ 20.00					\$20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 80.00
Tues Night Step Study 000103327	\$ 158.50			\$ 187.50					\$125.00				\$ 471.00
Wholesale Miracle			\$ 101.20			\$105.00							\$ 206.20
Individual/Anonymous/Unidentified Contributions			\$ 20.00		\$ 5.00	\$25.00	\$59.30	\$200.0	\$5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 105.00		\$ 424.30
Total	\$250.50	\$146.87	\$246.20	\$658.65	\$80.00	\$130.00	\$607.64	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$433.45	\$185.00	\$	\$3,138.31