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# DON'T QUIT BEFORE

We hear it in meetings often: "Don't quit before the miracle happens." But what does that aphorism mean when it's got its casual clothes on, keeping us company as we go through our days? Let's parse it.

What is a miracle? The dictionary says it's "an extraordinary event manifesting divine intervention in human affairs," then offers a second definition as "an extremely outstanding or unusual event." Regardless of anyone's theology or skepticism, I'll bet we can all agree that finding a way to sobriety and recovery from the morass of our drunken lives is "extremely outstanding." No question!

The only minor objection I have is the passive voice of the last phrase "...the miracle happens." How does it happen? Your mileage may vary, but in my life it didn't happen by any passive hoping and waiting for it. My first sponsor told me it would take work.

Work? That's a four-letter word! My sponsor laughed--then told me to get over it. "Work the steps." And by that, she meant I should study the literature, listen to those who've made estimable progress in their own recovery, and see what I could use of all that. She pointed out that Bill Wilson, in the Twelfth Step and again in the Foreword to *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* refers to the steps as principles. "They're not laws," she told me. "Don't look for loopholes. Dig for the principles." When I did that, finally, a lot of the things I was reading and hearing in the meetings began to come together and make sense.

For more information, check out https://www.64.floridastateconvention.com

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THE AGE OF MIRACLES IS STIL

64th FLORIDA STATE CON<u>VENTION</u> The "don't quit" part didn't come to me immediately. I picked up my first white chip more than half a lifetime ago, but deferred gratification was not in my repertoire yet. I've picked up several more white chips since then. I was like the person who dumps all the pieces of the jigsaw puzzle on the table, then before even turning them all face-up, giving up and sweeping them into the trash. The only way I could have quit booze using that method would have been to die, and I almost got there.

But I didn't. I stuck with the puzzle, started putting the pieces together, and found it really isn't all that complicated. Now my life is astonishingly better than I had ever expected (or thought I deserved). There are still some rough times, but now I can find my way through them, with help, and on to better times.

I sincerely hope that you will, too. Don't give up working. The rewards are beyond description! ~ Anonymous

# COMMUNITY NEWS

- Looking for service work? Intergroup is always looking for additional volunteers. Contact Fred @ 386-628-2541
- Our A.A. hotline and Intergroup received 37 calls in April. Thanks to all who helped the still sick and suffering.
- The new hardcopy of the Where and When pamphlet should be ready by June 2021
- Ideas or suggestions are always welcomed to improve our office or website. Send these to gainesville.intergroup@gmail.com
- The latest POST is always available at Intergroup. Come by and pick up your copy!
- Florida's State Convention is being held in Jacksonville August 5th-8th. For more information go to www.64floridastateconvention.com
- District 14 Grapevine meeting to resume in-person on July19,2021 @6:30P.M. @ the Triangle Club. All Grapevine Reps are encouraged to attend, if possible.

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

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

The sixth of our Twelve Points of AA Tradition is deemed so important that it states at length the relation of the AA movement to money and property.

This Tradition declares in substance that the accumulation of money, property, and the unwanted personal authority so often generated by material wealth comprise a cluster of serious hazards against which an AA group must ever be on guard.

Tradition Six also enjoins the group never to go into business nor ever to lend the AA name or money credit to any "outside" enterprise, no matter how good. Strongly expressed is the opinion that even clubs should not bear the AA name; that they ought to be separately incorporated and managed by those individual AAs who need or want clubs enough to financially support them.

We would thus divide the spiritual from the material, confine the AA movement to its sole aim, and ensure (however wealthy as individuals we may become) that AA itself shall always remain poor. We dare not risk the distractions of corporate wealth. They have become certainties, absolute verities for us.

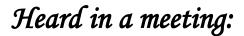
Thank God, we AAs have never yet been caught in the kind of religious or political disputes which embroil the world of today. But we ought to face the fact that we have often quarreled violently about money, property, and the administration thereof. Money, in quantity, has always been a baleful influence in group life. Let a well-meaning donor present an AA group with a sizable sum and we break loose. Nor does trouble abate until that group, as such, somehow disposes of its bankroll. This experience is practically universal. "But," say our friends, "isn't this a confession of weakness? Other organizations do a lot of good with money. Why not AA?"

Of course, we of AA would be the first to say that many a fine enterprise does a lot of good with a lot of money. To these efforts money is usually primary; it is their lifeblood. But money is not the lifeblood of AA. With us, it is very secondary. Even in small quantities, it is scarcely more than a necessary nuisance, something we wish we could do without entirely. Why is that so?

We explain that easily enough; we don't need money. The core of AA procedure is one alcoholic talking to another, whether that be sitting on a curbstone, in a home, or at a meeting. It's the message, not the place; it's the talk, not the alms. That does our work. Just places to meet and talk, that's about all AA needs. Beyond these, a few small offices, a few secretaries at their desks, a few dollars apiece a year, easily met by voluntary contributions. Trivial indeed, our expenses!

Nowadays, the AA group answers its well-wishers saying: "Our expenses are trifling. As good earners, we can easily pay them. As we neither need nor want money, why risk its hazards? We'd rather stay poor. Thanks just the same!

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"It's not happiness that brings us gratitude. It's gratitude that brings us happiness."



<u>Gratitude Group</u>	0.	Sat Morning 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup>
- CB - 16 yrs	May	<u>Step</u>
CG - 9 yrs	Anniversarie	CR - 5 yrs
CH - 22 yrs	Anniversarie	JS - 34 yrs (April)
SG - 8 yrs		JC—20 yrs (April)
Matt – 1 yr	Tuesday Night Step Study	
	DO - 32 Yrs	Women's Serenity Seekers
Everything or Nothing	MR - 31 Yrs	MS – 2 yrs
KK - 13 yrs	PC - 9 Yrs	AR – 2 yrs
/	PB - 6 Yrs	DN – 8 yrs
Women's Step Study	JH - 5 Yrs	DB – 13 yrs
NS – 34 yrs	111 - 5 113	
/ -	The Eyeopener	Downtown Group
Hawthorne Group	TH - 17 yrs	MO – 20 yrs
BP		
LE	MC - 3 yrs	Pamphlet Palooza
DV	JB - 1 yr	GU – 2 yrs
DW		
	Fourth Dimension	
Language of the Heart	CC - 22 yrs	0 100
SS	FR - 31 yrs	A anotely

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

A gratebul heart is a magnet for miracles.

# **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 226 DeLeon Springs, FL 32130 (Checks payable to NFAC)

<u>General Service Office</u> PO Box 459, Grand Central Station NY, NY 10163 (Checks payable to GSO)

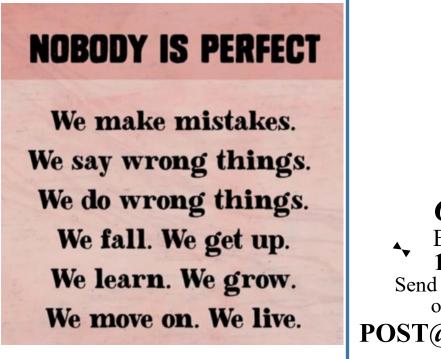
Self-support: Where money and spirituality mix!

### **Step 6** "Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character."

I've always been told that Step 6 "separates the men from the boys." I wasn't sure what that meant until I started to do the work. As I became more willing each day, I started to notice changes in my thoughts and actions. I was actually taking a look at myself and was willing to change the person I was. In life, I've said I was willing to do a lot of stuff, but never finished it, or even started. I had to be willing to take a hard look at myself and my life. I was willing to go to any lengths to get high. I have to apply that same willingness to my recovery. By no means do I do this perfectly.

When the COVID-19 virus started to affect our daily lives, I realized that I needed to double down on my efforts if I wanted to stay sober. My willingness to continue the work had to be stronger than ever. In the midst of quarantine life, my character defects really ramped themselves up. Laziness, fear, and procrastination are big ones in my life. I noticed these were more in the forefront after a while of quarantine. My prayers during this time have been full of asking for the willingness to continue to be the man I've become. During this time, God has become an even bigger part in my life. I'm so grateful for this program for giving me the tools to stay grounded in life and in this trying time in our society.

-MT



# Future Toppics "A New Joy of Living" July "Faith Over Fear" August Get Published! Entry deadline is the 12th of each month Send your topic articles, op-eds, opinions or cartoons to: POST@AAGainesville.com

NCFI



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



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## North Central Florida Intergroup



### **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 <u>office.manager@AAGainesville.org</u> with requests.



Intergroup Chairperson's Corner

I hope this finds you and yours safe and well. It is with pleasure and gratitude to welcome Pam M. as our new Intergroup Treasurer. She was voted in unanimously at the last Intergroup meeting. I

would also like to express my gratitude to Paul B for serving so well as our outgoing Intergroup Treasurer. I would also like to thank him for agreeing to stay on as Intergroup Interim Alt. Treasurer until we can find someone willing to assume that role. Please join us at the next Intergroup meeting on Sunday, June 27th at 1:00 PM.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Bill Carter Intergroup Chair 352.363.9337 wm\_carter@msn.com

### Thanks to the following 7 Groups and Individuals who sent in a donation to Intergroup in April 2021

Individuals \$62.51 Hampton Hole in Wall \$55.45 10th & 11th Step \$400.00 Eye Opener Group \$250.50 Kanapaha Step Study \$100.00 Tuesday Night Step Study \$45.00 Every Thing or Nothing \$75.00 Total \$988.46





### 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.

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

### APRIL 25, 2021 MINUTES

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

In Attendance (16) – BC (Chair); MC (Alt Chair, and Gratitude Rep); PB (Treasurer & Tue Night Step Study Rep); PM (Alt Treasurer); NL (Alt Webmaster & Young People's Group Rep); TS (POST); BB (Board Member & Corrections Chair – District 14 [D14]); and KP (Alt DCM-D14). IG Reps: JH (New Life); PC (Women's Serenity Seekers); WL (Everything or Nothing); GU (Pamphlets Palooza) AO (Wholesale Miracle); NG (10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Step)

Guests: GN, BK

- Alt I/G Chair: MC no remarks
- Secretary Report PC read DK correction to the Feb 28, 2021 minutes (which were approved on March 28, 2021): they were published in the April POST, not the March POST as originally stated. DK made the correction in the official record. Motion to accept the Minutes of the March 28th, 2021 meeting (see May POST) was made and passed unanimously.
- Treasurer Report PB: The March 2021 Report (see May POST) was approved as reported. March Sales totaled \$521. Purchases were \$549.67. Sales tax collected was \$36.43. Overhead expenses included payroll taxes for the Office Manager for 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. Contributions totaled \$455.94. Ending checking account balance was \$2,807.88. The two Office Reserves include \$2,500 in available funds and \$11,0809.83 in CDs. PB believes that one of the CDs becomes available in April and the other in June. BC suggested we may want to draw some funds out in June out but tabled the discussion for next month.
- Phone Committee Bill C reported for Sue S that there are currently 2 openings: Thursdays from 9 PM to Fridays at 7 AM; and Sundays from 10 PM to Mondays 7 AM. These positions were two of three openings last month.

POST – Terina S: The issue with 2 blank pages for the previous POST has been fixed and the May issue is fine. TS asked that submissions be submitted in their original form (i.e., Word or Excel) whenever possible, and not as a screenshot, jpg or pdf file as they are difficult to manipulate and often present as blurry.

- Intergroup Office PM reported for Fred S: The POST is currently available online and will be available in the IG office on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. FS urged all groups to keep IG updated on any meeting changes. They will be printing a new Where & When and all updates (i.e., meetings going back to live) should be submitted by May 15<sup>th</sup> in order to make it on the new W&W. Updates may be submitted online at againesville.org or in person at the IG office.
- Literature & Merchandise/W&W PM for FS: WSO is starting a 5-month long trial from May 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 18<sup>th</sup> and will charge shipping on all orders under \$500. Costs are as follows: **\$5** for orders under \$25; **\$7** for orders \$25-\$50; **12**% of total for orders \$50 -\$250; **10**% of total for \$250-\$500; free shipping for orders over \$500.

Website -NL (Alt Webmaster) noted the website is up to date and good to go.

Activities - JH: Not present. Note: Activity flyers are posted on the website.

D14 DCM Report – KP (Alt DCM): 1) Kris reported that the Church will allow District to start back with in-person meetings and will require social distancing and masks be worn. There is about a 50/50 split whether to continue with Zoom or in-person meeting and the issue may be brought up for a vote at next month's meeting. 2) The Area Corrections Service Chair will make a 15-minute presentation at the May District meeting.

Old Business - There was no old business.

New Business –PB is stepping down as Treasurer effective whenever PM can be added to the bank account. He is willing to serve as Alt Treasurer until an Alt Treasurer can be elected. PM was officially nominated to serve as our new Treasurer and the motion passed unanimously. BC will gather the Corporate Officers (BB, PB, AO and himself, along with PM) to go to the Credit Union and take care of adding PM to the account. There is some confusion as to whether she will need to be an Officer in order to be added and they will take care of it at that Credit Union if that is the case.

BC closed the meeting at 1:33 with the Responsibility Declaration.

### Intergroup Treasurer's Report: April 2021

Sales	Current	Y.T.D.	
A.A. Literature	515.70	1,914.50	A.
Chips	82.35	313.20	CI
Medallions	204.00	490.00	M
Other Merchandise	20.80	65.40	0
Where and Whens	0.80	6.80	W
Total Sales	823.65	2,789.90	
Sales Tax Collected	57.69	195.37	
Activities Revenues			
Gratitude Dinner Cake Auction	0.00	0.00	AI
Gratitude Dinner Contributions	0.00	0.00	Er
Gratitude Dinner 50/50 Raffle	0.00	0.00	G
Gratitude Dinner Tickets	0.00	0.00	Ha
Total Activities Revenues	0.00	0.00	
Contributions			
Faithful Fivers and Tenners	199.00	586.00	Ph
Group Contributions	988.46	3,891.95	St
Total Contributions	1,187.46	4,477.95	Th
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Overhead Expenses			
Annual Corp Filing Fee	0.00	61.25	
Insurance	0.00	0.00	
Intergroup's Monthly Meeting	0.00	29.98	
Internet	71.17	273.70	Ch
Office Expenses	7.59	137.24	Cu
Office Rent	190.00	760.00	Cu
Office Manager Salary	675.00	3,127.56	Tr
Paypal & Square Fees	14.83	59.02	
Payroll Taxes	0.00	187.62	Ĩ
Postage	13.15	42.20	
Printing: Other	0.00	5.00	
Printing: Phone Volunteer Packets	0.00	0.00	
Printing: POST	37.40	127.70	
State Sales Tax	35.56	169.70	
Telephone	172.86	690.36	
Total Overhead Expenses	1,217.56	5,671.33	
Reserves			
Ending Balance, Grat. Din. Res.		3,500.00	
Office Reserve Available		2,500.00	
Office Reserve in CD's		11,093.49	

Purchases	Current	Y.T.D.
A.A. Literature	549.00	1,495.21
Chips	0.00	0.00
Medallions	76.54	87.34
Other Merchandise	0.00	0.00
Where and Whens	0.00	0.00
Total Purchases	625.54	1,582.55
Activities Expenses		
Alkathon	0.00	0.00
Emotional Sobriety Workshop	0.00	0.00
Gratitude Dinner	0.00	97.87
Hawthorne Picnic Donation	0.00	0.00
Total Activities Expenses	0.00	97.87
Committee Expenses		
Phone Committee	0.00	0.00
Steering Committee	0.00	0.00
The Post	0.00	0.00
Website Committee	0.00	0.00
Total Committee Expenses	0.00	0.00
Fund Balance		
Checking		
Checking @ 1st of Mo.	2,807.88	
Current Deposits	2,068.80	
Current Expenditures	1,843.10	
Transfer from Off. Res. Avail.	0.73	
Ending Balance, Checking		3,034.31

Bill W. helped write an Intergroup pamphlet, which was published by the Intergroup Committee of New Jersey in March 1949. On the back page of the pamphlet, Bill wrote: "Every A.A. member wants every alcoholic in the world to have the chance that he has had. Every A.A. member wants unity for our movement. Every A.A. member wants unity for our movement. Every A.A. member wants the good opinion of medicine, religion and the general public. We know we must have these things or the new man may never get his chance."

"The Intergroup associations are the best insurance we can have that our life lines to hundreds of thousands yet to come will never break or tangle. Let us always be generous. Let us warmly support Intergroup."

### A.A. co-founder Bill W., 1949

# 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.

### THE SET ASIDE PRAYER

GOD, TODAY HELP ME SET ASIDE EVERYTHING I THINK I KNOW ABOUT YOU, EVERYTHING I THINK I KNOW ABOUT MYSELF, EVERYTHING I THINK I KNOW ABOUT OTHERS, AND EVERYTHING I THINK I KNOW ABOUT MY OWN RECOVERY SO I MAY HAVE AN OPEN MIND AND A NEW EXPERIENCE WITH ALL THESE THINGS. PLEASE HELP ME SEE THE TRUTH.





### The Intergroup Representative

### A Link between your Home Group and District 14's Intergroup

### What is an Intergroup Rep?

The Intergroup Representative is your Home Group's voice for assuring that your Intergroup Service Office functions and carries out its Primary Purpose. All AA groups are welcome to participate at Intergroup.

### What is the Primary Purpose of Intergroup?

Our main purpose is to help alcoholics find AA meetings and assist newcomers in the recovery program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Intergroup's VITAL SERVICES

- 1. We answer our Telephone Hotline Service 24 hours a day to assist new members with the help and hope of AA
- 2. We stock all AA Conference-approved literature and other books for the AA community
- 3. We maintain an office to facilitate 12 Step calls and service opportunities
- 4. We maintain a web-based meeting directory which is updated weekly at *aagainesville.org*
- 5. We publish a print meeting directory at least once annually
- 6. We publish the Post newsletter every month

7. We respond to inquiries from outside agencies, including the media, seeking information about the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous

### How does someone become an Intergroup Rep?

All AA groups are eligible for membership. Groups elect an Intergroup Representative and an Alternate Representative; they usually serve a 2 year term. Each Group determines length of sobriety for their Representative however experience has shown that at least 2 years is ideal.

### What does an Intergroup Rep do?

Intergroup Reps and Alternate Reps attend the monthly Intergroup Representatives' Meeting. These 'Reps Meetings' are held 12 times per year on the last Sunday of every month unless it falls on a Holiday. Intergroup Reps are responsible for two-way communication between their Home Group and Intergroup. Advise the group treasurer of where the 7th Tradition funds should go after the group's expenses are met. It is also important that your group have a primary contact, that we may remain in contact with. Make sure that your Home-group's information is correct on the hard-copy meeting schedule, and the website at aagainesville.org.

### What are Intergroup Rep meetings like?

Representatives register with Intergroup at each Reps Meeting by providing their contact information and home group. Each Rep and home group is responsible for providing the office with current contact information to insure that AA group members have the opportunity to participate in Intergroup's 12 Step Services.

### **DISTRICT 14 BUSINESS MEETING**

### **Meeting Minutes**

### April 14, 2021

Meeting was called to order by TD via Zoom at 6:00 PM and was opened with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Attendees: TD, DCM; KP, Alt DCM; AR, Secretary; Committee Chairs: BE (Accessibilities), MC (Archives, GSR Tuesday Night Step Study), BB (Corrections), CQ (CPC/PI), JW (Grapevine), BF (Literature), SD (Treatment), NL (Website); GSR's: MC (Gratitude Group), SG (KSH, Alt GSR), GM (New Freedom); Intergroup: BC, Chair, MC, Alternate Chair; Guests: GN.

Introductions: Attendees identified themselves and their positions

Secretary Report: AR read minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved as read

Treasurer's Report: TD read the Treasurer's Report, which was approved as read

Alternate DCM Report: KP attended Area Assembly and Intergroup. All positions are filled at Intergroup and she is working with DK, Secretary of Intergroup. Area Assembly was chaotic with technical difficulties. Some tabled items were sent to GSRs to discuss with their groups.

Guest Speaker was introduced, BC.- Archives Service Coordinator, Area 14.

BC read a 1957 quote from Bill W. regarding the importance of archives. Archives Room at the GSO in NY opened 11/1975. Now all Districts have Archives. VF- Archivist, assures the integrity of the collection and reports to the Area Committee. BC read the responsibilities of the Committee, which includes setting up workshops and the display at Area Assembly, gathering material and digitizing it.

Accessibilities- BE-sent away for Accessibilities Kit

Archives- MC- no meeting until May. May develop a skit about history, gathering oral histories.

**Corrections-** BB stated the committee met trying to get meetings going. Women's meetings still on hold. Contact him about the new application process.

CPC/PI- CQ had to leave and will submit his report on the Health Fair event at UF

**Grapevine-** JW Registered with GSO as District 14 Grapevine Committee Chair. Committee traditionally meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at Triangle Club and looking for members. Last Chair had 38 years of sobriety.

Literature- BF has email where he can be reached.

**Treatment**- SD meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 6:30 via Zoom. 5/5 next meeting. Committee encourages participants to bridge gap when discharged from Treatment.

Website- NL requested that she be contacted by email about contact information regarding meetings and what committee chairs responsibilities are.

**Intergroup-** BC stated MC is new Alt. Chair taking over from GN. All positions are filled. BC asked GSRs to let him know what groups need and he welcomed members to attend on the last Sunday at 12:00. Look on the POST for contact information.

### Old Business- None

### New Business-

Working with Archives Committee, GN updated Founders' Day will not be held on June 21.

Gratitude Dinner will be in person in November at the same site as last time.

TD brought up question of when to start meeting in person vs. Zoom. Discussion ensued.

Items brought up included:

-time management and work issues (some are working from home now)

-travel time involved with attending live meeting, pros and cons of going live.

It was mentioned that some members who attend from small businesses have found virtual meetings more convenient and cost effective.

Hybrid meetings are a possibility.

TD requested further input for next month's meeting asking those attending to think about options.

Next month we plan to hear from Nanette Long, Area 14 Corrections Service Coordinator.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM with the Responsibility Pledge.

Minutes respectfully submitted by AR, District Secretary.

### **District 14 Treasurer Report**

### Treasurer Report May 2021 Meeting

### Report on February Financial Activity Fiscal Year April 2021-March 2022

	4	Amount	Year to Date
Opening Bank Balance	#	#######	
Group and Individual Contributions	Ş	377.52	
Committee Expenses			
D14 Expenses	Ş	(237.55)	
Insufficient Funds - Group Contribution Check Ret	urne	ed	Ş -
Total Expenses	\$	(237.55)	Ş -
Closing Bank Balance	#	#######	
Money Held in Reserve:			
Founder's Day - Reserve for 2020 (\$402.50 *\$50)	Ş	452.50	
Service Fair - Reserve for 2020(300.00-283.03)	Ş	16.97	
Prudent Reserve	Ş	5,000.00	
Operating Cash (bank balance minus reserve	\$8	3,401.05	

\*Note - Please indicate Group Name or Number if Contribution is via PAYPAL

Group Contributions 2021 - 2022											
Group	June 21	July 21	Aug 21	Sept 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22	Y-T-D
10th & 11th Step (Saturday											
morning) 000700336											\$ 80.00
Everything or Nothing											\$ 75.00
Eye Opener											\$ 62.63
Hampton Hole in the Wall											\$ 11.09
Saviors Group											\$ 15.00
Starke Happy Hour 127517											\$ 27.80
Tues Night Step Study 000103327											\$ 75.00
Individual/Annoymous/Unidentifie											
d Contributions											\$ 31.00
Totals	\$-	\$ -	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$377.52

# **DCM's Corner**

District 14 is currently meeting on Zoom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6 pm. You can find the Zoom link on the aagainesville.org website, so please feel free to join us! Beginning in July, we anticipate holding the business meeting in a hybrid fashion, with many of us meeting in person while following the necessary protocols. The Area Assembly will be in person in Jacksonville in July and the Florida State Conference will also be in person in Jacksonville, but in August. The District business meeting is where your group's voice is heard, so please be sure that your GSR is representing you.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service,

Tobi D.

District 14 DCM



STAY LOGGED IN !!! ROOM CAPACITY IS 1000 PARTICIPANTS

**"VULNERABILITY IS THE** WILLINGNESS TO SHOW UP AND **BE SEEN WHEN YOU HAVE NO** CONTROL OVER THE OUTCOME." **BRENÉ BROWN** 

Attendance is Free. Donations accepted via VENMO: @emotionalsobrietygainesville

Step 11: Don L. - Washington DC

Step 12: Polly P. - Jacksonville, FL

Chris H. - Cleveland, OH

MORE INFO AT HTTPS://EMOTIONALSOBRIETYGAINESVILLE.COM

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For The Deaf

Friday, July 9

5:45 pm - Welcome! Serenity Prayer & Kickoff

(10-Minute Tradition or Concept Vignette Before Each Main Speaker)

6:00 pm - "Loving Our Three Legacies" Sister Judith Ann Kumar, Class A Trust

> 7:30 - pm - "Our Primary Aim" Tim C., Hayward CA

9:00 pm - Close with Declaration of Unity

### Online Event!

5:00pm

10:00am

11:00am

Space is Limited.....

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6th Annual Unity & Service Conference

Applying the 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts of AA in All of Our Affairs'

July 9 - 11, 2021 (all times PDT)

Translation

Saturday, July 10 8:45 am - Welcome! Serenity Prayer & Kickoff

> (10-Minute Tradition or Concept Vignette Before Each Main Speaker)

9:00 am - "My Favorite Traditions" Jimmy D., Dallas TX

10:30 am - Service Panels Young People, Bridging The Gap, Corrections (H&I), Grapevine

12:00 pm - Break

12:30 pm - "Why Stay? Overcoming Racial Barriers" Kesho S., Grinnell IA

2:00 pm - "Three Legacies, Family Style" Craig, Marissa and Stephen, Sandy Hook C

\*This 2 Hour and 15-Minute Session Includes a 15-Minute Break at 3 pm Before Concluding at 4:15 pm\*

4:30 pm - "Anonymity, Our Spiritual Foundation" Steve L., Nashville

6:00 pm - Close with Responsibility Statement

### Sunday, July 11

Spanish

8:45 am - Welcome! Serenity Prayer & Kickoff

(10-Minute Tradition or Concept Vignette Before Each Main Speaker)

9:00 am - "The 12 Concepts" Ashley J., The Beacon Group, Bo

10:30 am - Service Panels PI/CPC, Intergroup/Hotline, General Service, Sponsorship

12:00 pm - Break

12:30 pm - "Never Too Young For General Service" Katie H., Fair Oaks CA

2:00 pm - Ask It Basket with Speakers ster Judith Ann, Tim, Jimmy, Kesho, S Ashley, Katie, Craig, Marissa, Stephen

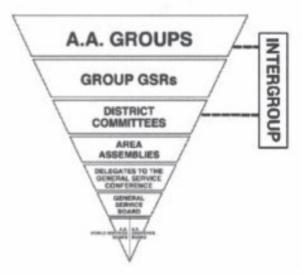
3:00 pm - Close with Declaration of Unity

An Alcoholics Anonymous event with Al-Anon participation

### How is A.A. organized different from Intergroup?

Traditionally, general service committees and intergroups/central offices (IGCOs) have performed different functions. IGCOs provide local services; general service committees maintain the link between the A.A. groups and the A.A. General Service Board by means of the Conference. So these two separate, but vital service structures, coexist in many areas in mutual cooperation and harmony.

Intergroups are service entities that focus exclusively on local needs (e.g. publishing local A.A. meeting lists, answering inquiries about A.A., receiving, arranging, and following up Twelfth Step calls, establishing local public information committees) and are not part of A.A.'s larger **decision-making/service structure**. You'll notice they don't appear in the upside-down triangle. But there is a connection between the two as shown in the picture.



"Unity is the glue that holds the intergroup/central offices and general services together, but it is communication that jumpstarts mutual cooperation and harmony — vital both in reaching suffering alcoholics and in being attuned to the needs of those who are recovering in A.A." — Reprinted from *Intergroup/Central Offices: A.A.'s Front Line* — *Box 459 – August/September 2007*, with permission from A.A. World Services, Inc.

Though an intergroup falls within the broader definition of "general service" (service beyond the group level), it should not to be confused with "General Service", shorthand for A.A.'s larger decision-making/service structure. Within SDI and many other places, Intergroups and General Service entities (Areas, Counties, Districts) coordinate with one another to divide up service responsibilities.

Further reading, please see our FAQ on the service structure of A.A.