

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

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one day at a time

The idea of living one day at a time at first seemed like a lack of management skills to me. Of course I admitted I was powerless over alcohol, but step one also suggested that I was unable to manage my life. Imagine how proud I was to be able to micromanage the future as well as the present. I now realize that my *multitasking* is really a sign of being scatterbrained.

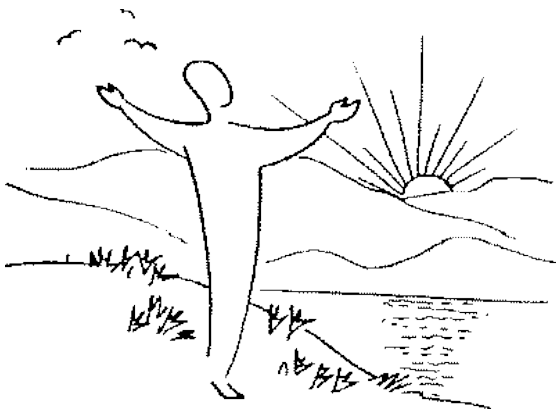
It would seem that most of us ex-drunks have a real problem with overthinking things, being often distracted, and generally lacking focus. Perhaps this is why step 11 is so helpful in keeping me present in today's business, and out of the morbid reflection of the past or the fearful dread of the future. Oddly enough, *today* is always okay. I always have enough food, clothes, shelter, material goods, love, friends, etc. In fact, now that I spend more time in the present I am finding that somehow, mysteriously, God actually provides an abundance of everything I could possibly need with plenty left over to share. My job now is to simply stay sober, stay present, pay attention, and try to be a good steward of the many gifts in my life.

So there's irony in this new way of simple living: what used to look like a highly complex and complicated *full plate* turns out to be, in reality, an effortless existence based only on the needs and provisions of this day, the present.

Way too simple! Absolutely unsophisticated! All of a sudden my life is framed in "what do I need to do by midnight tonight?" My impressive list of possible accomplishments is now reduced to a half dozen lackluster daily necessities. It occurs to me that when we pray "give us this day our daily bread" it refers to what supplies we might need for today, knowing and trusting that God will do the same for us tomorrow as he has for countless days previously.

It looks like my busy schedule just got freed up! Thanks once more to the Grace of God, the chaos and drama of my everyday life, real or perceived, has been managed for me. Yet another opportunity for surrender!

-Anonymous



“It is today for which we are responsible. God still owns tomorrow.”

~ Elisabeth Elliot

COMMUNITY NEWS



- ◆ 64th Florida State Convention www.floridastateconvention.com August 5-8 Jacksonville
- ◆ The Intergroup office and A.A. Hotline received 48 calls in June
- ◆ Intergroup has started our monthly meeting in person at the Triangle Club on the last Sunday of each month. The Post will be available to bring back to your Homegroup.
- ◆ Has your meeting re-opened? Contact our Webmaster at aagainesville.org to have your meeting listed on our Website and added to the next printing of the Where and When
- ◆ Intergroup is forging ahead to have our Gratitude Dinner in November, we've been attempting to locate a viable venue. If you know of a place send it to gainesville.intergroup@gmail.com
- ◆ The office is well stocked and also has some new literature available. Stop by the office and introduce yourself to our incredible staff.
- ◆ Corrections Committee is looking for male and female volunteers, contact Bill B. at 619-410-3797 for further information or our Website.

Tradition 8 The Steps are HOW IT WORKS. The Traditions are WHY IT WORKS.

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

Throughout the world AAs are twelfth-stepping with thousands of new prospects a month. Between one and two thousand of these sick on our first presentation; past experience shows that most of the remainder will come back to us later on. Almost entirely unorganized and completely non professional, this mighty spiritual current is now flowing from alcoholics who are well to those who are sick. One alcoholic talking to another; that's all.

Could this vast and vital face-to-face effort ever be professionalized or even organized? Most emphatically, it could not. The few efforts to professionalized straight twelfth Step work have always failed quickly. Today, no AA will tolerate the idea of paid "AA therapists" or "organizers." Nor does any AA like to be told just how he must handle that new prospect of his. No, this great life-giving stream can never be dammed up by paid do-gooders or professionals. Alcoholics Anonymous is never going to cut its own lifelines. To a man, we are sure of that.

But what about those who serve us full time in other capacities — are cooks, caretakers, and paid intergroup secretaries "AA professionals"?

Because our thinking about these people is still unclear, we often feel and act as though they were such. The impression of professionalism subtly attaches to them, so we frequently hear they are "making money out of AA" or that they are "professionalizing" AA. Seemingly, if they do take our AA dollars they don't quite belong with us AAs anymore. We sometimes go further; we underpay them on the theory they ought to be glad to "cook" for AA cheap.

Now isn't this carrying our fears of professionalism rather far? If these fears ever got too strong, none but a saint or an incompetent could work for Alcoholics Anonymous. Our supply of saints being quite small, we would certainly wind up with less competent workers than we need.

We are beginning to see that our few paid workers are performing only those service tasks that our volunteers cannot consistently handle. Primarily these folks are not doing Twelfth Step work. They are just making more and better Twelfth Step work possible. Secretaries at their desks are valuable points of contact, information, and public relations. That is what they are paid for, and nothing else. They help carry the good news of AA to the outside world and bring our prospects face to face with us. That's not "AA therapy"; it's just a lot of very necessary but often thankless work.

So, where needed, let's revise our attitude toward those who labor at our special services. Let us treat them as AA associated, and not as hired help; let's recompense them fairly and, above all, let's absolve them from the label of professionalism.

Let us also distinguish clearly between "organizing the AA movement" and setting up, in a reasonably businesslike manner, its few essential services of contact and propagation. Once we do that, all will be well. The million or so fellow alcoholics who are still sick will then continue to get the break we sixty thousand AAs have already had. -Copyright © The A.A. Grapevine, Inc., July 1948

Heard in a meeting:

"Even God can't change the past."

Women's Serenity Seekers

Weed R – 33 yrs

10th and 11th Step Meditation Meeting

JF – 37 yrs

Wholesale Miracle

MR – 39 yrs

TA – 35 yrs

GC – 2 yrs

Tuesday Night Step Study

MC - 28 yrs

SS - 10 yrs

A L - 9 yrs

Fourth Dimension

HM - 7 yrs

JD - 12 yrs

Free to Be

LM – 31 yrs

WR – 33 yrs

Hawthorne Group

MM - 29 yrs

Eye Opener

MR - 11yrs

SR - 29 yrs

SR - 24 yrs

NM - 3 yrs

Language of the Heart

LS - 13 yrs

Everything or Nothing

KT—1 yr

PN - 4 yrs

DR—5 yrs

KT—9 yrs

BK—32 yrs

WL—35 yrs

Women's Step Study

JD—12 yrs

**August Birthdays?
Send them by Aug 12th to
POST@AAGainesville.org**

**YOU
ARE
STRONGER
→ than you ←
THINK**

7th Tradition Addresses

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NY, NY 10163

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Self-support: Where money and spirituality mix!

Step 8 *“Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.”*

Asking for forgiveness is a cleansing act which is humbling and necessary for our spiritual progress and sobriety. By asking for forgiveness, we certainly do not change the past; at best, it may open the door for a future relationship to flourish. However, what we can count on as certain is that these acts of contrition release us from our own imprisonment. The chains of resentment and shame are broken and we experience a freedom as never known before. So, as we look at the wreckage of our past, clearly staring back at us from Step 4, we begin to compile a thorough list of people (and institutions) we have harmed to whom we are willing to make amends.

The operative word is “willing”. One of the barriers to my willingness was that some of those on my list deserved the pain I inflicted on them because they hurt me first. I soon learned that justifiable anger is like a weed which must be eradicated by its roots. Pruning did not do the trick; I tried cognitive restructuring, self-talk, denial, and rationalization. This “justifiable anger” sprouted everywhere until I felt my newly acquired life force strangulated. Finally, I surrendered. My Higher Power had to take this negativity away and replace it with love and compassion towards those I resisted in making amends. I had to forgive first before I could genuinely make amends. The third step prayer became my mantra.

I realized through the process of the eighth step that I was letting go; setting free those in my amend list, but soon I realized I was the prisoner and I had been set free.

-BG



Advice from a Pickle

- Life can be hard sometimes. Dill with it.
 - Relish every moment you share with those you love.
 - The door to happiness is always ajar.
- If you want life to be sweet, you have to know what sour tastes like, too.
- Remember, life is never a dill moment.
 - Don't worry— in the end, everything will be just brine.

Future Topics

“A New Joy of Living”

September

“Faith Over Fear”

October

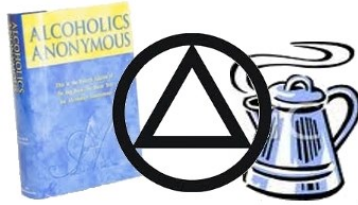
Get Published!

Entry deadline is the
12th of each month

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

POST@AAGainesville.com

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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



POST Submissions

Send articles and anniversaries to Post@AAGainesville.org or mail them to the NCFI office no later than the 12th of each month.

Activities Submissions

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

Intergroup

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

Our next Intergroup meeting

will be held on the last

Sunday of the month:

August 29th @ 1:00

Check out our new website @

www.AAGainesville.org



Intergroup Chairperson's Corner

Hello everyone. I hope this finds you and yours safe and well. Our Last Intergroup meeting was our first live meeting and we had a good turn out and it went well. I encourage you to attend our next one at the Triangle Club on July 25th. We are once again looking for a

Treasurer or Alt-Treasurer and I encourage anyone interested to contact me or anyone at Intergroup. Or you could come to the next meeting. I very much appreciate Paul for continuing at that position during our search. I would like to thank everyone for their support at look forward to seeing some of you on the last Sunday of the month. The gratitude dinner is still a work in progress and more will be revealed.

Bill Carter, Intergroup Chair

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Thanks to the following 5 Groups and Individuals who sent in a donation to Intergroup in June 2021

Individuals \$103.22 Geezers \$143.00 Micanopy Grp \$50.00
 Tuesday Night Step Study \$60.00 Gratitude Grp. \$160.00
 Every Step We Take \$12.78
 Total \$529.00

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."

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.

**Intergroup Accepts Contributions via Cash
 Checks made out to NCFI,
 PayPal, *gainesville.intergroup*
 Venmo, *gainesville.intergroup***

Intergroup Treasurer's Report June 2021

<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	765.05	3,678.20	A.A. Literature	1,321.35	2,956.46
Chips	63.00	476.55	Chips	286.96	286.96
Medallions	196.25	918.25	Medallions	0.00	246.49
Other Merchandise	28.75	109.75	Other Merchandise	0.00	0.00
Where and Whens	39.50	48.30	Where and Whens	0.00	115.00
Total Sales	1,092.55	5,231.05	Total Purchases	1,608.31	3,604.91
Sales Tax Collected	76.53	366.35			
Activities Revenues			Activities Expenses		
Gratitude Dinner Cake Auction	0.00	0.00	Alkathon	0.00	0.00
Gratitude Dinner Contributions	0.00	0.00	Emotional Sobriety Workshop	0.00	0.00
Gratitude Dinner 50/50 Raffle	0.00	0.00	Gratitude Dinner	0.00	97.87
Gratitude Dinner Tickets	0.00	0.00	Hawthorne Picnic Donation	0.00	0.00
Total Activities Revenues	0.00	0.00	Total Activities Expenses	0.00	97.87
Contributions			Committee Expenses		
Faithful Fivers and Tanners	49.00	689.00	Phone Committee	0.00	0.00
Group Contributions	529.00	5,238.95	Steering Committee	0.00	0.00
Total Contributions	578.00	5,927.95	The Post	0.00	0.00
 			Website Committee	0.00	0.00
 			Total Committee Expenses	0.00	0.00
Overhead Expenses			Fund Balance		
Corp Filing Fees	0.00	61.25	Checking		
Insurance	0.00	0.00	Checking @ 1st of Mo.	3,579.30	
Intergroup's Monthly Meeting	30.00	69.98	Current Deposits	1,747.08	
Internet	71.17	416.04	Current Expenditures	3,727.85	
Office Expenses	36.04	224.94	Transfer from Office Reserve in CD's	6,276.55	
Office Rent	190.00	1,140.00	Ending Balance, Checking		7,875.08
Office Manager Salary	1,102.56	4,905.12			
Paypal & Square Fees	22.58	98.98			
Payroll Taxes	187.62	375.24			
Postage	15.00	67.15			
Printing: Other	98.00	103.00			
Printing: Phone Volunteer Packets	0.00	0.00			
Printing: POST	83.75	295.20			
State Sales Tax	92.04	317.96			
Telephone	190.78	1,072.02			
Total Overhead Expenses	2,119.54	9,146.88			
Reserves					
Gratitude Dinner Reserve		3,500.00			
Office Reserve Available		2,500.75			
Office Reserve in CD's		4,822.93			



A DOLLAR IS NOT WHAT IT USED TO BE

**1935
\$1.00**

**Remember inflation when deciding upon your
7th. Tradition Self Support Contributions for;**

**2021
\$3.50**



**Group Meetings
Online Recurring Contributions
Birthday Envelope
November's Gratitude Month
Your local Intergroup**



NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA INTERGROUP MONTHLY HYBRID MEETING

AT THE TRIANGLE CLUB & ON ZOOM*

JUNE 27, 2021 MINUTES

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

In Attendance (11 Live; 6 Zoom*) – BC (Chair); MC (Alt Chair & Gratitude Group); PB (Treasurer & Tue Night Step Study); DK (Secretary & Melrose 12&12); FS (I/G Office Manager); AO (I/G Board Member & Wholesale Miracle);

BB (I/G Board Member & D14 Corrections Chair); and KP* (Alt DCM-D14). **IG Reps:** AW* (Vulnerable Warriors Student Group); BM (Eye Opener Group); BF (Eye Opener Group & D14 Literature Chair); GU (Pamphlet Palooza); GN (Downtown Group); JH* (New Life Group); MR (Eye Opener Group); NG* (Sat Morn 10th & 11th Steps); and PS* (Bring Your Own Book). **Guests:** AA*

Chair Report – BC: No remarks.

Alt I/G Chair Report - MC: No remarks.

Secretary Report – DK asked for comments or questions on the Minutes of 5/30/21 meeting that she emailed to I/G Reps and Officers on Fri., 6/25/21. No discussion followed. Minutes of the May 30, 2021 meeting were accepted. Motion by Greg N. 2nd by AO. Passed unanimously. Note: See July P.O.S.T. for an abridged, one-page version.

Treasurer Report – PB: **May Sales** totaled \$1,348.60. Group and individual **contributions** totaled \$872.00. **Purchases** were \$414.05. **Overhead expenses** were \$1,356.01. **Activities and committees** had no expenses. Ending checking account balance was \$3,579.30. Available reserves include \$3,500 for Gratitude Dinner; and \$2,500 for office expenses. **Office reserves** in CD's total \$11,097.27, but these have matured and either have been or will be cashed out and deposited in the operating account. The May 2021 Treasurer's Report (see July P.O.S.T.) was approved as reported. Motion by Greg N. 2nd by MR. Passed unanimously.

Phone Committee – BC reported for SS: All positions for the AA Hotline are currently filled. [Editor's note: Except for alternating Thursdays from 9PM – Fridays 7AM).

P.O.S.T. – TS: No report, but FS noted that hard copies of the newsletter were not available in time for this meeting.

Intergroup Office - FS posted the 2nd Quarter Financial Report in the July P.O.S.T. At the end of the first six months of 2021, Intergroup saw a net profit of \$339.00. He also noted that hard copies of the Where & When are available at the office.

Website – WM (Webmaster): No report.

Activities – JH: Fred noted that flyers are posted on the website.

D14 DCM Report – KP (Alt DCM): 1) Beginning in July, the **D14 meeting format will be hybrid**. TD., DCM, will chair the live meeting at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Wed., 7/14 at 6:00 PM and a Zoom link will be posted on www.aagainesville.org. **2)** The next **Area Assembly** will be live, from July 9 – 11 in St. Augustine, and parts of it, i.e., the speaker meeting, administrative meetings and the business meeting on Sunday will be available on Zoom. See www.aanorthflorida.org for links. The workshops will not be available for virtual attendance. **3)** The Area 14 Delegate's Post General Service Conference report will be available on Zoom at 2:00 PM today. See www.aanorthflorida.org for link. The report will also be given at the upcoming July Area Assembly.

Old Business – FS informed the group that the 2021 Gratitude Dinner venue at Springhill Baptist Church is no longer available following a narrow, COVID-related church board of directors' decision. Alternate venues are being investigated, as are alternative types of fundraisers. Anyone with ideas should contact FS at gainesville.intergroup@gmail.com.

New Business – BC. announced that PM. stepped down as I/G Treasurer and PB. is kindly serving as acting Treasurer until her replacement is found. PB is available to train the new person and is willing to serve as Alternate Treasurer to assure a smooth transition.

DK reported that the 32-year old Hawthorne Group is finding support from AA's willing to commit to its revival. GSO has supported these efforts by offering ideas for new formats and marketing. A virtual founding meeting will be held in July. To get in on the action or for more info contact DK 52.682.6110 or doriekf@yahoo.com.

AO moved to close the meeting; 2nd by Greg N.

BC closed the meeting at 1:25 with the Responsibility Declaration.

Respectfully submitted: DK, Secretary

District 14 Business Meeting Agenda June 9, 2021

Moment of Silence, Followed by the Serenity Prayer

In attendance: TD, DCM; KP, Alt DCM; AR, Secretary (late); MR, GSR Tuesday Night Step Study; DF, Past Delegate, Area 54; BF, Literature Chair; BB, Corrections Chair, Intergroup: BC & MC, DK, GSR Melrose 12 & 12, MCarter, GSR Gratitude Group; Deedee, GSR Kanapaha Open Discussion; BE, Accessibilities Chair; SG GSR Survivors Group; GU, Guest

Minutes - Discussion and Acceptance of Minutes from April meeting sent 5/11/2021 DK- Motion, MC Second = - passed

Treasurer's Report - Discussion and Acceptance of Current Report sent 5/11/2021 – MC – Motion, DK, Second Alt DCM's Report

Busy helping prepare for upcoming Area Assembly
Some of the Area Assembly meetings will be hybrid
Next weekend, June 12, the Intergroup in Akron is holding a virtual Founder's Day Foundersday.org to register
Next regional forum will be Southeast Regional Forum 10/8 – 10/10 – will be virtual

DCM Introduced Guest Speaker: TS., CPC Service Coordinator, Area 14

Who is the "professional community" – whom they reach out to – any professional group that may come across a suffering alcoholic
To get started – CPC Workbook
Usually CPC initiates contact, but sometimes group reaches out to CPC
Upcoming Florida Behavioral Health Conference in Orlando August 18 – 20, staffed by AA volunteers – TS looking for volunteers cpc@aanorthflorida.org

Service Committee Reports:

Accessibilities – BE: Date for committee meetings 2nd Monday of the month at 6 pm on Zoom. Should be updated on website. Has an accessibilities checklist to take to groups to see how physical accessible meeting space is.

Archives – MC – not present

Corrections – BB: met with TM, county representative about when they can get back into jails

Active meetings at workcamp & jail

Lancaster CI in Trenton

Can always use more women and men as volunteers

CPC / PI – CQ – Chris not present but DK – 3rd Thursday at 6 pm on Zoom, link on website under committee description – whom do they want to contact & best way to recruit volunteers for committee

Grapevine – JW, not present but sent report: I have not received materials from GSO at this time. I did request them again. I will have an in-person meeting of group representatives @ the Triangle Club, July 19 @6:30 pm. Please go back to your groups and remind your representatives. There is a chance we can continue this committee meeting on zoom, but I would like feedback regarding this from the group representatives.

Literature – BF – last month reached out to Sarah at Treatment who needed books and started a book drive. Asking for new or used literature to be donate. Put her in contact with his Meridian contact. Brian is going to attend other committee meetings to see what literature they need. Also has not received information from GSO

Treatment – SD – Still meeting 1st Wed of month

Website – NL - not present

Intergroup:

BC – Intergroup is motoring along just fine, Gratitude Dinner format still not decided

New treasurer getting situated

Meeting live at Triangle Club

DK shared that the Hawthorne Group is struggling and looking for support

Scott – Survivors Group meeting on Sundays BB, Tuesday, and Friday -speaker

Old business- In-person business meeting will begin in July with Zoom option for those out of the Gainesville area or with health or other issues.

New business-

July meeting – instead of a guest speaker we will discuss how we can carry the message to the suffering alcoholic as they emerge from pandemic

Announcements:

Area Assembly: The Administrative Committee meetings (Finance, Website, Growth, Site and Agenda) along with our Delegate's Post Conference Report and our Business Meeting will be accessible as a hybrid meeting to attend in-person at the Southbank or by Zoom. Please visit the Assembly Agenda & Info page on aanorthflorida.org more information. The Agenda will be posted by June 9th.

A virtual Post Conference Report will be available via Zoom to DCM's, GSR's, and all members of the fellowship on Saturday, June 27, 10 am EST and Sunday, June 28, 2 pm EST. The meeting ID is: 890 6031 8369 Password: unity

Adjourn with Responsibility Pledge- 6:55 PM

District 14 Treasurer Report

AS OF JUNE 30, 2021

Report on Financial Activity Fiscal Year April 2021-March 2022

	June Amount	Year to Date
Opening Bank Balance	\$ 13,840.54	
Group and Individual Contributions	\$ -	\$ 318.96
Committee Expenses		\$ (515.00)
D14 Expenses	\$ (271.73)	\$ (301.71)
Insufficient Funds - Group Contribution Check Returned		\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ (271.73)	\$ (816.71)
Closing Bank Balance	\$ 13,568.81	
Money Held in Reserve:		
Founder's Day - Reserve for 2020 (\$402.50 *\$)	\$ 452.50	
Service Fair - Reserve for 2020(300.00-283.0)	\$ 16.97	
Prudent Reserve	\$ 5,000.00	
Operating Cash (bank balance minus res	\$ 8,099.34	

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

THANK YOU TO ALL GROUPS WHO CONTRIBUTED!

Group Contributions 2021 - 2022

Group	June 21	Y-T-D
10th & 11th Step (Saturday morning) 000700336		\$ 80.00
Everything or Nothing		\$ 75.00
Eye Opener		\$ 62.63
Gratitude Group	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Hampton Hole in the Wall		\$ 27.34
Melrose 12 & 12	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Micanopy Group	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
New Freedom 690149		\$ 225.00
Survivors Group		\$ 30.00
Starke Happy Hour		\$ 27.80
Tues Night Step Study	\$ 100.00	\$ 175.00
Individual/Anonymous/ Unidentified Contributions		\$ 46.00
	\$ 295.00	\$ 943.77

DCM's Corner

The Area 14 Assembly was held in-person and via Zoom the weekend of July 9 -11, and I was thrilled to see our District 14 so well represented! We had the DCM, Alt DCM, and 9 GSR's, as well as 1 visitor, in person in attendance, as well as 1 GSR via Zoom, for a total of 11 votes. No other District had more votes!

District 14 resumes meeting in person as of July 14, 2021 at 6 pm at the Westminster Presbyterian Church located at 1521 NW 34th Street. We will also have the Zoom option available via the link on the aagainesville.org website for those who live outside the Gainesville area or have health or other issues that prevent in-person participation. I was surprised to see how much more connected I felt to the in-person attendees at the Area Assembly versus our Zoom District meetings. We were able to discuss issues in greater depth than is possible on Zoom. I strongly encourage GSR's to attend District meetings in person, if possible.

District 14 will host Registration at the October Area Assembly, and we will need as many GSR's as possible to meet this commitment. Thank you for your support in carrying the message!

As of July 12, 2021, District 14 is in need of a Treasurer, so if you 3 years of continuous sobriety and are familiar with Excel, please consider this as your service opportunity and join us at the upcoming District 14 business meeting.

In love and service,

Tobi D

become a 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



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**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**

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 Homegroup'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.