

SURRENDER. THEN SURRENDER AGAIN.

I wanted to die. I didn't know why. I kept running into this problem. I had been sober for three years and still had unavailing ideation. It's a typical story some of us experience. It's not that we want to "kill ourselves"; it's simply that we do not want to live. Some describe it as wanting to evaporate from existence. This is what I was experiencing and led me to take my white chip three years prior, and those same feelings beset me now.

So, what did I do? I did what the twelve-step program of AA taught me to do. I surrendered. I surrendered my life. I surrendered my mind and my body for I suffered from "a hopeless state of mind and body". The mental illness of alcoholism and (I later learned) bipolar 2. These two illnesses co-occur in me and require treatment. Unfortunately, just keeping a tight AA program was not enough AND I need to work a solid program for a daily reprieve from alcoholism. Is your head spinning yet? No pun, but mine certainly was.

I had to surrender everything. Even surrender a desire to live. And then it happened. After I'd spent 45 minutes with my therapist on the phone —talking me down, I sat in my driveway, car and lights off. I'm not sure why the lit windows of my home caught my eye the way they did or what imaginings into my child's future were created before me, but I began to sob. That

kind of sob that emerges from nether regions of your soul you didn't know existed. You know what I'm talking about? Well, until that moment, I wouldn't have known.



I felt something upon that grand surrender that I had never in my 47 years of life experienced.

I wanted to live.

Never had I noticed that I had never *wanted* to live. I had looked forward to events or reaching milestones, sure. But If someone had asked me when I was 12, 16, 27, 35...."Do you want to live?" I can't say that "yes" would have been the answer. Yes, I want to live. Even writing that sentence feels odd still. But on that late May evening of this year, I had a spiritual experience of the sort the big book details. I was bawling, I was scared, but I knew right then and without any doubt, I wanted to live to watch my child grow. I want to live. Yep, still weird.

This is what COMPLETE surrender looked like for me.

This thing, life, is a journey. We have no control over any of it. We just don't. The more I surrender to my higher power the more I get to live this life. I can't explain this. It makes no sense to me. It flies in the face of what I have been taught in this culture to believe about myself and how life works. If you're struggling, hurting, or having any challenges this holiday, try a new level of surrender. And then surrender again. Surrender it all. And maybe feel a little free.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



- ◆ Intergroup and the A.A. Hotline received 51 calls in October, thanks to all who answered those calls.
- ◆ The new Grapevine book Prayer and Meditation is now available at Intergroup
- ◆ Suggestions or ideas to make Intergroup better? Send suggestions to gainesville.intergroup@gmail.com
- ◆ Intergroup would like to thank the many Committee members who helped put together the Gratitude Dinner
- ◆ Intergroup is seeking a new Webmaster to manage the aagainesville.org website. Please contact the office for more information (352) 372-8091

Tradition 12

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

“Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”

Principles First – People Second

Why are we repeatedly asked in the Traditions to give up ourselves for the greater good? The answer is because any relationship we have that does not involve sacrifice is a relationship that likely will not endure. Each tradition straightens out a disastrous attitude we had about relationships. The twelfth tradition teaches us that a spirit of sacrifice (often times through anonymity) is vital to good relationships.

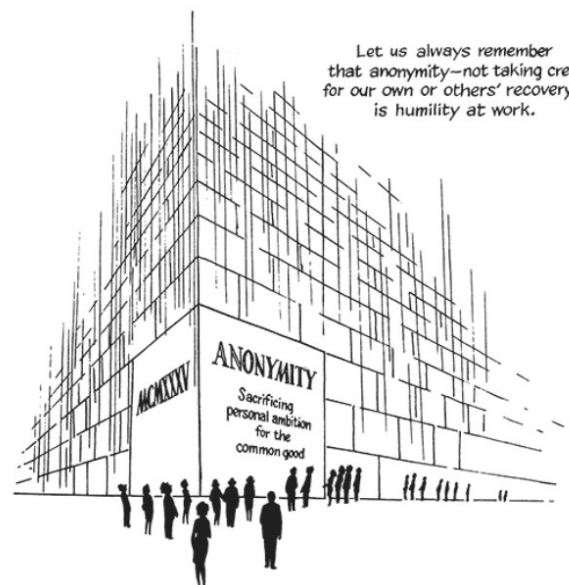
Giving up the expectation of rewards for doing good is difficult for most of us. It’s easy for us to give and then think, “Well, I’ll get a reward, even if I don’t get public recognition for what I did.” To remove that reward symbol from the back of our minds for whatever good we do is part of practicing anonymity. The next time you hear a speaker in A.A. whose personality is exciting from the platform, see if you can hear the principles behind their words? To which step, tradition, or concept can you relate their pitch? Setting ourselves aside and focusing on the principles of our program is a crucial component in the foundation we need for studying the Traditions and learning how to be in healthier relationships with our fellow A.A.’s and with those in the world around us.

Step-Tradition Parallel

The twelfth step poses the question, “What is a spiritual awakening?” I believe that the evidences of a spiritual awakening are found in a person who practices the twelfth tradition in all their affairs. Such a person sacrifices self in order to practice principles. Their motive in practicing all of the traditions is anonymity: they sacrifice to help others.

The twelfth tradition completes the twelfth step in the following way: I become spiritually awake when I carry the message by anonymously practicing sober principles.

(Excerpts from the text above come from the Traditions Study developed by the Unity Insures Recovery Through Service A.A. Group, Los Angeles, CA.)



HEARD IN A MEETING:

“Life is 10% what happens and 90% how I react to it.”



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Downtown Group

SC – 7 yrs

Gratitude Group

MC – 13 yrs

SG W – 19 yrs

TILIS Men's Meeting

BJ – 12 yrs

TC – 14 yrs

Women's Serenity Seekers

LS – 6 yrs

JC – 7 yrs

Solutions

MB – 17 yrs

4th Dimension

RH – 33 yrs

KB – 10 yrs

Free to Be

KV – 12 yrs

Eye Opener

TW – 26 yrs



**December Birthdays?
Send them by Dec 12th
to
POST@AAGainesville.org**

**Living my best life because I
already lived my worst**

7th Tradition Addresses

North Central Florida Intergroup

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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)*General Service Office

PO Box 459, Grand Central Station

NY, NY 10163

(Checks payable to GSO)

Self-support: Where money and spirituality mix!

Step 12

“Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”

“It’s All About the Newcomer”

In my opinion, the most important aspect of Step 12 is providing a safe, reliable, and relatable atmosphere of recovery that attracts new people to the promises of the program. This atmosphere gets obscured by personalities. What does the meeting say to the newcomer? “Come on, we are here for you?” Or “We are pretty indifferent to you, but if you work for it, we will notice you?” Or, worse yet, “You are hot, glad you are here?” People are literally dying to get into recovery, and we have to make every effort to provide hope and help.

Think about your experience as a newcomer. If you are anything like I was, you were nervous, not sure if you wanted to be there, or anywhere for that matter. I remember that I decided to go to the meeting in topsiders, Levi’s and an Izod instead of my punk rock regular persona (think 80’s Joan Jett, sort of). I was hoping to not fit in, to leave the meeting saying to myself, “I tried it, but obviously I’m not like them.” Because the meeting attendees took the 12th Step seriously, I felt relatively safe. They talked about the first step. Women (exclusively) came over to me after and offered me their numbers. I felt welcome, not pressured. Recovery looked good. I stayed.

-A grateful member of AA



HELP WANTED WEBMASTER



www.aagainesville.org/d.help-wanted/webmaster.php
for job description and other details.

This is a volunteer position with
Intergroup, working with District 14

FUTURE TOPICS

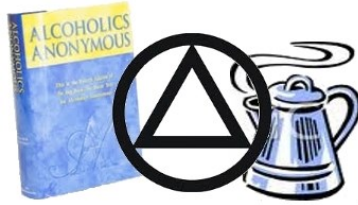
“The Magic of New Beginnings”
January

“Love and Tolerance is Our Code”
February

GET PUBLISHED!

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

NCFI



North Central Florida Intergroup

Our office is located in

Land Title Plaza

2632 NW 43rd Street

Building 1000, around back to 1182

Gainesville, FL 32606-7551

Telephone: 352-372-8091

Our office hours are:

Monday - Wednesday: 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Thursday - Friday: 12:00 - 6:00 pm

Saturday: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sunday: Closed



POST Submissions

Send articles and anniversaries to Post@AAGainesville.org 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:

December 26th @ 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. I would like to announce that we are again looking for a Treasurer for Intergroup so please get the word out.

Anyone interested can contact me or just come to our next Intergroup meeting on the last Sunday of the month at the Triangle Club at 1 PM. I want to thank Paul B. who

continues to fill in as our interim Treasurer. Our Webmaster William M. is stepping down at the end of the year, and I am so grateful for his long and excellent service in establishing and maintaining our outstanding website. Thank you William! I would also like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve.

Bill Carter, Intergroup Chair

352.363.9337

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YEAR-TO-DATE 7TH TRADITION CONTRIBUTIONS

Group Contributions	Oct.	2021 YTD	Group Contributions	Oct.	2021 YTD
10th and 11th Step	\$ 215.00	\$ 1,090.00	New Freedom		\$ 1,609.17
4th Dimension			New Hope		
AAA Group			New Life		
Afternoon Reflections			OutSiders		
Alachua A.A.			Pamphlet Palooza		\$ 32.00
Be Still and Know			Peace Seekers		\$ 350.00
Beginners Mind			Primary Purpose		
Beyond Sobriety			Progress Not Perfection		\$ 80.00
Bring Your Own Book		\$ 45.00	Promises		\$ 100.00
Bronson Believers		\$ 25.00	Promises Beginners		
By The Book			Saturday Night Alachua		
Daily Reprieve			Shiloh		
Down Town Group			Sick As Our Secrets		
Every Step We Take		\$ 12.78	Starke Happy Hour		\$ 363.40
Every Thing Or Nothing		\$ 75.00	Sober on the Suwannee		
Experience, Strength & Hope			Solutions Group		
Eye Opener Group		\$ 1,192.50	Stuck on Sobriety		\$ 25.00
Free Thinkers	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	Student Group		\$ 55.52
Free to Be	\$ 75.87	\$ 175.87	Suit Up & Show Up		
Friday Serenity			Sunday Evening Beginners		
Friends of Bill W.			Sunday Morning Sobriety		
Geezers		\$ 418.00	Survivors Group	\$ 10.00	\$ 25.00
Good Morning God			T.G.I. F.		
Gratitude Group		\$ 575.00	Tell It Like It Is		\$ 40.00
Haile Freedom Group			The Loft		\$ 40.00
Hampton Hole in the Wall		\$ 206.94	The Way Out Group		
In Black & White			Tues. Night Step Study		\$ 165.00
Jonesville Group			Tuesday Alachua Group		\$ 250.00
Kanapaha Step Study		\$ 100.00	Unity Group		
Kanapaha Open Discussion			Vulnerable Warriors		
Keep It Simple			We Think Not		
Keystone Group			Wholesale Miracles		
Keystone Heights Beginners		\$ 72.00	Williston Winners		\$ 19.50
Language of the Heart		\$ 135.00	Women's Drunk Squad		
Live and Let Live		\$ 320.00	Women's Retreat	\$ 440.00	\$ 440.00
Live Oak Group			Young Peoples Group		
McIntosh Group			Anonymous	\$ 159.59	\$ 844.11
Melrose 12 & 12		\$ 121.00			
Micanopy Group	\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00	Total for October	1000.46	
Monday BB Study					
				YTD	\$ 9,152.79
<i>Intergroup is not immune from Inflation</i>					

Intergroup Treasurer's Report: October 2021

Sales			Purchases		
	Current	Y.T.D.		Current	Y.T.D.
A.A. Literature	662.45	5,937.90	A.A. Literature	139.08	3,801.61
Chips	108.50	888.05	Chips	0.00	541.92
Medallions	108.00	1,300.75	Medallions	0.00	319.43
Other Merchandise	30.50	201.25	Other Merchandise	0.00	0.00
Where and Whens	27.50	152.80	Where and Whens	0.00	415.00
Total Sales	936.95	8,480.75	Total Purchases	139.08	5,077.96
Sales Tax Collected	65.65	583.06			
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	10.00	10.00	Gratitude Dinner	226.91	1,347.21
Gratitude Dinner Tickets	2,230.00	2,230.00	Intergroup Trivia Night	0.00	766.89
Total Activities Revenues	2,240.00	2,240.00	Total Activities Expenses	226.91	2,114.10
Contributions			Committee Expenses		
AT&T Credit	174.05	517.54	Gratitude Dinner	44.88	94.24
Faithful Fivers and Tenners	64.00	1,025.00	Steering Committee	0.00	0.00
Group Contributions	1,000.46	9,152.79	The Post	0.00	0.00
Total Contributions	1,238.51	10,695.33	Trivia Committee	0.00	23.00
Overhead Expenses			Total Committee Expenses		
Corp Filing Fees	0.00	61.25		44.88	117.24
Insurance	0.00	558.13	Fund Balance		
Intergroup's Monthly Meeting	27.98	170.82	Checking		
Internet	71.17	700.72	Checking @ 1st of Mo.	6,552.82	
Office Expenses	79.75	434.84	Current Deposits	4,481.11	
Office Rent	190.00	1,900.00	Current Expenditures	1,805.16	
Office Manager Salary	675.00	8,032.68	Reimb GD Exp to Checking	271.79	
Paypal & Square Fees	15.60	139.32	Transfer from Off. Res. Avail.	0.71	
Payroll Taxes	0.00	562.86	Ending Balance, Checking		9,501.27
Postage	16.68	113.38			
Printing: Other	0.00	148.00			
Printing: Phone Volunteer Packets	0.00	0.00			
Printing: POST	98.80	688.90			
State Sales Tax	45.26	539.63			
Telephone	174.05	1,780.34			
Total Overhead Expenses	1,394.29	15,830.87			
Reserves					
Gratitude Dinner Reserve		2,058.55			
Office Reserve Available		2,500.00			
Office Reserve in CD's		4,829.45			

ONE DAY
AT A TIME

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
OCTOBER 26, 2021 MINUTES**

Opening – Bill C, Chair, opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer at 1:00 PM. He welcomed two new Intergroup (I/G) reps: SS and JM.

In Attendance (21 Live; 6 Zoom*) – BC (Chair); DK (Secretary & Melrose 12&12); FS (I/G Office Manager); NL (Alt Webmaster & S.O.S.); SS, in absentia (Phone Committee); PB (Acting Treasurer & Tue Night Step Study); and TS (P.O.S.T.). **I/G Board members:** BB (D14 Corrections Chair); and AO (Wholesale Miracle). **District 14:** KP* (Alt DCM). **IG Reps/Alts:** AW (Happy Hour); BM (Alt, Eye Opener); BS* (Keystone Hts Beginners); CH (Solutions); GN (Downtown Group); JH (New Life); JM (By the Book); MO* (Alt, Free to Be); MC (Alt, Gratitude Group); MB (Young People's Group); MR (Eye Opener); NG* (Sat Morning 10th & 11th); PC* (Women's Serenity Seekers) **Guests:** BK*; DD; ES; FM; & JA.

Chair Report – BC: **1)** NM stepped down as Treasurer. He thanked PB for serving as Treasurer & Acting Treasurer for *many* years. **2)** Gratitude Dinner planning committee will meet this Wednesday at 6:30 PM at the Triangle Club. More volunteers are welcome on committee or at the event! The event will be Sat., Nov. 20th at 4:00 PM, at St. Madeline's Catholic Church in High Springs. See Activities Report below and flyer on website for more details.

Alt I/G Chair Report - MC: Absent.

Secretary Report – DK: She asked for corrections to the September minutes that were emailed in advance. Minutes of the Sept. 26, 2021 meeting were accepted. Motion by GN 2nd by MR. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report – PB: **Sept. Sales** totaled \$820.60. Group and individual **contributions** totaled \$893.11 (Note: Excluding retroactive credits from AT&T that also appear in Contributions). **Purchases** were \$554.96. **Overhead expenses** totaled \$2,517.01. **Ending checking account** balance was \$6,552.82. Gratitude Dinner expenses have been withdrawn from its reserve fund, however a transfer error was noted in Activities Expenses. The September 2021 Treasurer's Report, (see November P.O.S.T., Page 7) was approved, pending Gratitude Dinner expenses correction. Motion by Greg N. 2nd by DK. Passed unanimously.

Phone Committee – BC read **Sue S's** report: There is one open shift on the AA Hotline: Wed's at 5PM. For more info call Sue S. at 352.301.0354.

P.O.S.T. – TS: Hard copies of the November P.O.S.T. were available to reps/alts.

Intergroup Office - FS reported the office is fully stocked, including the newest Grapevine book: Prayer and Meditation (\$12.95).

Website – NL (Alt) 1) reported that WM will step down as our long-time Webmaster at the end of 2021. A position description is posted on website home page; **2)** The website was hacked and meeting schedule was not available for a short time. William spent hours trouble shooting and the site is functional again and up to date.

Activities - See website for event flyers. **BC** asked reps/alts to announce Gratitude Dinner committee needs more donations of cakes and Baskets to auction. Flyers with contact info were available or call I/G office.

D14 DCM Report – KP (Alt DCM) 1) The Oct. Area 14 Assembly was virtual. Volunteers from D14 assisted with registration. **2)** Negotiations for a new hotel venue for the Jan. assembly are underway. **3)** Vivian F. was elected as Area Archivist for a second term. **4)** KP asked reps/alts to recruit members for D14 service committees.

Old Business – Fred M: 1) Gratitude Dinner tickets are almost sold out; **2)** "Worthy" store-bought cakes are acceptable for donation; **3)** More Baskets of Gratitude are needed for auction; and **4)** Participants are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert to compliment the turkey, ham and trimmings provided by I/G.

New Business – N/A

GN moved to **adjourn** the meeting; 2nd by DK. Passed unanimously.

BC closed the meeting at 1:28 PM with the Responsibility Declaration.

Respectfully submitted: DK, Secretary

District 14 Business Meeting Minutes October 13, 2021

Meeting called to order – 6:00 pm

In Attendance:

Officers: Tobi D.- DCM; KP.-Alt. DCM; AR- Secretary; MO.- Treasurer

Committee Chairs: BB.- Corrections & GSR Way Out Group; JT. - Accessibilities; JW.- Grapevine & 4th Dimension GSR; BF – Literature & Afternoon Reflections GSR;

GSRs/Alts: DK.- Melrose 12 & 12; MR.- Tues. Night Step Study; MC.- Gratitude Group; GM.- New Freedom; SG.- Survivors; LM.-Gratitude Group; DH.- Downtown Group; LM.- Free To Be; GN.- Downtown Group GSR & Archives member;

Intergroup Reps: MC.- Intergroup Alt. Chair,

Guests: Melanie Accessibilities Coordinator District 14 and GSR AA Way of Life, GAH, IG Rep, Gratitude Group

Minutes of August meeting accepted (J/L)

Treasurer's report accepted (D/B). MO. was asked to list Committees and their budgets and the amounts spent in his report and to check to Paypal report

Alt DCM's Report

KP reported that 14 members attended the Virtual Area Assembly, 9 voting (8 GSRs + Tobi). She request feedback via email. The January Assembly in Orlando should be in person and hotel reservations are in the works.

Guest Speaker: Melanie, Accessibilities Coordinator District 14

"While there are no special AA members, there are some who have special needs"

Large print/Braille: Big Book/12&12/As Bill Sees It, 2019 updated ASL

Access to AA stories from members

Special needs include child care, TBI, amputee, blind/deaf or both, mental illness

Workbook available, even locked doors can present barrier or bathrooms

JT will look into area meetings to see if there are barriers

DCM calls for Service Committee Reports:

Accessibilities – JT.- trying to restart Committee, plans to attend business meetings for area groups

Archives – GN. trying to facilitate moving Archives to Triangle Club for storage. Will include cost of rental in budget

Corrections – BB. Alachua County/Work Release Programs suspended, will need to set up schedule for meetings when able to return. Lancaster active weekly. See website for meeting information.

CPC / PI – CQ reported 8-10 members attending meetings, restocking and distributing literature. Discussing table possibly at church on University Avenue for fans walking to Gator football game 11/27/21 with medical/legal/UF Health contacts. Will have display at Gratitude Dinner.

Grapevine – JW- looking for new members. May sell books at Area Assembly. There is a new preamble now that AA requires although there may be different interpretations of this and our Delegate will be contacted to clarify about groups be autonomous about using approved literature.

Literature – BF- has printed guidelines about putting together displays. Plans to accompany JT to Business Meetings to educate about literature and sheet is circulating for GSRs to submit schedule for Business Meetings.

Treatment – SD- not present. Closed to visitors. Some facilities allow residents to join on line meetings.

Website – NL- not present.

Intergroup: M- Gratitude Dinner November 20 at 4 PM at St. Madeline's Church, High Springs. See flyer on Website, link to contact TC to donate cakes for auction. Group needs a Treasurer.

Old business- Congratulations to District for doing a great job on Registration

New business- Committee Chairs invited to have small table but can bring your own for Gratitude Dinner. People attending are asked to reach out to those who need rides and to car pool.

Announcements: Please sign up on sheet about group Business Meetings

Adjourned with Responsibility Pledge 7:01 PM

Respectfully Submitted: AR., Secretary

DISTRICT 14

Treasurer Report November 2021 Meeting

Report on September Financial Activity Fiscal Year April 2021-March 2022

	Amount	Year to Date
Opening Bank Balance	\$ 13,829.00	
Group and Individual Contributions	\$ -	\$ 1,032.52
Committee Expenses	\$ -	\$ 515.00
D14 Expenses	\$ (26.95)	\$ 267.19
Insufficient Funds - Group Contribution Check Returned		\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ (26.95)	\$ 782.19
Closing Bank Balance	\$ 13,802.05	
Money Held in Reserve:		
<i>Founder's Day - Reserve for 2020 (\$402.50 *\$50)</i>	\$ -	
<i>Service Fair - Reserve for 2020(300.00-283.03)</i>	\$ -	
<i>Prudent Reserve</i>	\$ 5,000.00	
Operating Cash (bank balance minus reserves)	\$ 8,802.05	



Group Contributions

10th and 11th step	\$43.00
The Loft	\$20.00
Micanopy group	\$25.00
Free to Be	\$107.48

DCM'S CORNER

The January 21-23, 2022 North Florida Area Assembly will be a hybrid of Zoom and in-person at the Sheraton Orlando North Hotel located at 600 North Lake Destiny Road in Maitland, Florida. A link for reservations can be found at aanorthflorida.org, with December 28, 2021 as the deadline for reservations at the discounted rate of \$129 per night. At the October 2021 virtual assembly, District 14 had the most GSR's in attendance of any District in the Area, and I hope we can continue the tradition! Make your reservations early!

How has the pandemic affected your home group's unity? If you have held meetings on Zoom, hybrid, or in person, have you sensed any fracturing in your group's ability to carry the message of recovery? Some groups are internally floundering, with many group members not participating like they used to due to uncertainty arising from the pandemic. The new year may be a good time for your home group to hold a Group Inventory that can help get your group get back on track with a better sense of direction, helping to restore a cohesive sense of shared primary purpose.

Treatment centers and jails are beginning to open up again to letting us bring in meetings. The Treatment Committee and Corrections Committee are both looking for groups to make a commitment to take a meeting into a facility once each month. If your group is willing to commit to this service, please contact the appropriate committee chair via the link on the aagainesville.org website.

"When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that, I am responsible."

-TD.



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 fee waived)

Email any questions to: Gainesville.Intergroup@gmail.com
or call Fred S. @ 386-628-2541



**I'm not telling
you it's going
to be easy,
I'm telling
you it's going
to be worth it.**

one day at a time

Service Positions Available

Intergroup needs Volunteers!
Volunteer 3 hours of your time weekly
Mondays or Wednesdays from 2:00 pm till 5:00

Contact Fred @ 386-628-2541

Duties to include:
Helping Customers with Literature and Merchandise
Answering the A.A. Hotline
Familiar with using computer



**Intergroup now accepts PayPal & Venmo for
Groups, Individuals and Faithful 10er's and 5er's**

Send donations to gainesville.intergroup@gmail.com

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

•WEBMASTER WANTED•

This is a volunteer position with Intergroup

In general terms, the service position entails maintenance of the AAGainesville.org website, including all the menu links, the databases, and the administrative business with the hosting company. At present, the finances of the hosting and domain-name renewals are also handled by the Webmaster. Details are given below the suggested list of qualifications.



- **HTML:** The fundamental language of the world wide web. Nothing else makes sense without this.
- **CSS:** Although some HTML styling tags can still be used, most are deprecated, and all of our website is styled with CSS.
- **JavaScript:** A lot of functionality, such as error-checking and loading code segments related to user-specified choices, is done with JavaScript.
- **PHP:** Even more of the interactive functions are done at the server level with PHP, such as inclusion of code stubs, the creation of Meeting Schedules, and the data link to the Meeting Guide app, among others.
- **MySQL:** All the data used for the in-person Meeting Schedules and Special Events listings is kept in MySQL databases. Knowing how to work with them is vital.
- **Image editing:** Photoshop, GIMP, or some other image editing software is frequently needed to convert files and sometimes to provide a bit of graphical design help as well.

Only in
the darkness
can you see
the stars.

-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



14th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS:

AA Speaker: Dave H.
from Jax, FL
AFG Speaker: TBA

Advanced Tickets: \$10

50/50 Raffle

FOR MORE INFO, CALL:

Johnny T. at 386-623-2564
or Lisa W. at 904-769-0745

155 NW 3rd St, Lake Butler, FL 32054

Doors Open @ 4PM

Saturday, December 4, 2021

