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The Magic of New Beginnings

I love a fresh start. They can be scary as hell, but I have found that in sobriety they have always helped to transform my life in a positive way. Whether it is starting a new job, exiting a relationship that was not • meant to be or beginning a new one, relocating, dumping a habit I don't like, jumping into a new service position, or selecting a new home group or sponsor, I always leave my comfort zone by stepping out into the unknown and handing my future over to the care of God. Sometimes a change is made hastily, and I grow through the discomfort if it does not go well. Other times it is well planned and made thoughtfully, and it still doesn't work out as well as I had hoped, so I need to deal with the consequences. Or a transition turns out wonderfully and better than I could have imagined. Either way I land right where I am supposed to be, and I can appreciate the path my higher power has set out for my life.

A new beginning before sobriety looked very different for me. It was always fueled by my compulsion to use drugs and alcohol to try and numb myself from the pain I was in. I was usually running from some kind of mess that I had made. I would not consider how it would affect others. I was absolutely attempting to run the show, trusting only myself to create a life I could love even though I did not have any evidence that I was able to make wise decisions.

However, when I turned my life over to God in AA and he took away my desire to drink and use, I became willing to believe that he is real, everything has played out the way it was supposed to, and he has it all figured out. I began to let go of my need to force things to fit my will. I began to take leaps out into the unknown with faith that God could be trusted to take care of me.

I believe that a leap of faith is one of the biggest ways I can grow my relationship with God. It begins with getting an idea of about something I would like to see change in my life. I make sure that my motives are right and run it by my sponsor and/or a trusted friend to get their perspective. Then I surrender it to God. I get on my knees nightly before bed and release it to my higher power until the anxiety about it falls away. It might take two minutes or ten minutes or longer. The fear and discomfort always subside when I do this, although I never receive an immediate "answer." But I gain peace in knowing that God will guide the way and protect me when I ask for his support. Eventually I am ready to trust my intuition and I become confident that it is time to make a decision. Either I choose to abandon the idea or I give myself permission to go for it. Not only does this help me learn to trust my higher power, it also helps me learn to trust myself, and I move closer to wellness.

I surely don't do it perfectly, but I am willing to do my best and stay committed to accepting outcomes. After many years of struggling with how to turn my will and my life over to a higher power of my own understanding, I am finally finding what works for me, especially when it comes to making big choices that will affect the path ahead.

I am forever grateful that recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous has taught me to be thoughtful about both small and life-changing decisions. It has truly been a fascinating transformation from the way I used to live.

I hope that 2022 brings wonderful things your way! And that you have the courage to step out of your comfort zone in search of greater things.

-Trini Panini

Your life does not get better by chance. It gets better by change.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

- The A.A. Hotline and Intergroup received 49 calls in November
- The New Years Eve Alcathon is taking place at the Triangle Club from 7:30 am until midnight.
- The Gratitude Dinner was an incredible success. Over 200 attendees loved the new venue.
- Look for many new events in 2022, such as a Serenity Golf Scramble and Comedy Night.
- Lets welcome our new office volunteers Janie, Bonnie, Terry and Mark.
- Suggestions for Intergroup? Email gainesville.intergroup@gmail.com

Tradition 1

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

#### "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity."

#### WE BEFORE ME

Unity begins with an individual. Having unity within oneself and with one's Higher Power is vital to expressing unity in any other relationship. When one is following the guidance and will of a Higher Power, inner balance is achieved and then the ability to participate in a healthy relationship is greatly improved. Thus the relationship's unity is best serviced by each individual's unity with a Higher Power.

The Twelve Steps produce recovery and enable us to match calamity with serenity without taking the first drink. Recovery is the restoration of our relationship with God through sobriety. Our happiness, though, is incomplete unless we expand our loving relationship with God to our relationships with each other.

The Traditions show us how to love each other. The principles of the group apply to the individual. Through working the principles of the traditions we carry out the steps in the world. We live in the solution, not the problem. We are united with each other in love. When we love, we want to serve. The concepts of service then show us how to love each other through being of service to the world. Hence, A.A. has the three-word motto, "Recovery-Unity-Service", based on the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of Service.

Since the bottom has risen in A.A. there has been a need to go beyond recovery into learning how to get and maintain relationships. We must apply the First Tradition in all areas our life (A.A., Work, Home, etc.) so our sobriety isn't threatened. If we do not place our common welfare first, we could easily stay a loner and eventually drink out of loneliness.

#### Step-Tradition Parallel

Each tradition answers the question raised by the parallel step. The connection between the First Step and the First Tradition is that I am powerless over alcohol and have an unmanageable life, so I am dependent upon uniting myself with A.A. for my personal recovery. The Step states the problem and the Tradition states the solution. What do I do about my powerlessness and unmanageability? I join A.A. and place our common welfare first, since my personal recovery depends upon doing this.

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





"Religion is for people who believe in hell. Spirituality is for people who have been there."

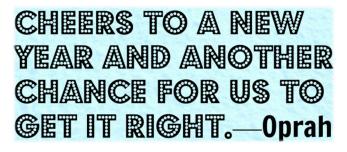
# December Anniversaries



Starke Happy Hour	<u>Solutions</u>	Wholesale Miracle
JL—25 years	MB– 17 yrs	BF—32 yrs
PK—10 yrs		
	TILIS Men's Group	<u>Downtown Group / Unity</u>
Everything or Nothing	MJ—12 yrs	EB—12 yrs
PC – 1 yr		
	4th Dimension	Free to Be
Women's Step Study	TM—6 yrs	DN—15 yrs
SS – 41 yrs	RH—33 yrs	MA—32 yrs
		KK—27 yrs

"The only problem we ever really have is separation from God."

January Birthdays? Send them by Jan 12th to <u>POST@AAGainesville.org</u>



# **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 1 "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol that our lives had become unmanageable."

Step 1 is the foundation for all of the other steps. This is the step where I own my reality. The step I run to when I'm feeling insecure. Angry. Triggered. Alone. I ditch the victim mentality, take a step back and take responsibility for my life and my emotions.

This step reminds me of how miserable my life was when I was in active addiction. When things are feeling out of control, I remind myself that "I am powerless over my addiction and I need some help."

I surrender.

Step 1 is my surrendering step. My honesty step. My "Do you not remember the freaking pain you were swimming through in active addiction?" step.

It's the foundation step that cultivates my continued healing, serenity, and joy. The first step might have been my toughest, but I'm so grateful I took it!

-DA

Contentment has nothing to do with what's going on in my life, and everything to do with what's going on in my mind.

LET TODAY BE THE DAY YOU LOVE YOURSELF ENOUGH TO NO LONGER JUST DREAM OF A BETTER LIFE; LET TODAY BE THE DAY YOU CREATE IT. -STEVE MARABOLI







#### Our office is located at:

#### **Land Title Plaza**

2632 NW 43rd Street Building 1000, around back at suite 1182 Gainesville, FL 32606-7551 Telephone: 352-372-8091

#### Office hours:

Monday - Wednesday: 2:00 - 5:00 pm Thursday - Friday: 12:00 - 6:00 pm Saturday: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Sunday: Closed

Our next Intergroup meeting

will be held on the last

Sunday of the month:

January 30th @ 1:00

www.AAGainesville.org

# 2632 Land Title Plaza

#### **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 <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.



Check out our website at

## Intergroup Chairperson's Corner

Hello everyone. I hope this finds you and yours safe and well. I would like to thank everyone who participated in or came to the Gratitude Dinner for such a wonderful event. I think everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. I would also like to thank William, Nyree, Fred and John for all of your effort in the transitioning of the website for a more sustainable future. Thank you. I will also mention that

Intergroup is still looking for a Treasurer. So please, any one with any interest please contact me or Intergroup at aagainesville.org.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. BC, Intergroup Chair 352.363.9337 wm carter@msn.com



## YEAR-TO-DATE 7TH TRADITION CONTRIBUTIONS

Group Contributions	N	ov.	2021 YTD		Group Contributions	Nov.		2021 YTD	
10th and 11th Step 4th Dimension AAA Group Afternoon Reflections			\$	1,090.00	New Freedom New Hope New Life OutSiders	\$	381.80	\$	1,990.97
Alachua A.A.					Pamphlet Palooza			\$	32.00
Be Still and Know					Peace Seekers			\$	350.00
Beginners Mind					Primary Purpose			Ŷ	550.00
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	Student Group			\$	55.52
Free to Be			\$	175.87	Suit Up & Show Up				
Friday Serenity			•		Sunday Evening Beginners				
Friends of Bill W.					Sunday Morning Sobriety				
Geezers			\$	418.00	Survivors Group			\$	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	\$	80.00
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 AA Group	\$	50.00	\$	50.00	Wholesale Miracles	\$	36.00	\$	36.00
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
Live Oak Group					Young Peoples Group				
McIntosh Group					Anonymous	\$	33.00	\$	877.11
Melrose 12 & 12			\$	121.00					
Micanopy Group			\$	75.00	Total for November	\$	450.80		
Monday BB Study									
			\$	4,764.09			YTD	\$	9,693.59

Intergroup wishes everyone a Merry Christmas

#### Intergroup Treasurer's Report: November 2021

Sales	Current	Y.T.D.
A.A. Literature	478.15	6,416.05
Chips	96.50	984.55
Medallions	59.75	1,360.50
Other Merchandise	11.00	212.25
Where and Whens	36.75	189.55
Total Sales	682.15	9,162.90
Sales Tax Collected	47.82	630.88
Activities Revenues		
Gratitude Dinner Basket Auction	1,125.00	1,125.00
Gratitude Dinner Cake Auction	3,190.00	3,190.00
Gratitude Dinner 50/50 Raffle	1,056.00	1,066.00
Gratitude Dinner Tickets	190.00	2,420.00
Total Activities Revenues	5,561.00	7,801.00
Contributions		
AT&T Credit	65.51	583.05
Faithful Fivers and Tenners	89.00	1,114.00
Group Contributions	540.80	9,693.59
Total Contributions	695.31	11,390.64
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Overhead Expenses		
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Reserves	
Gratitude Dinner Reserve	3,500.00
Office Reserve Available	10,000.00
Office Reserve in CD's	4,831.04

Purchases A.A. Literature Chips Medallions Other Merchandise Where and Whens. Total Purchases	Current 567.61 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 567.61	<b>Y.T.D.</b> 4,369.22 541.92 319.43 0.00 415.00 <b>5,645.57</b>
Activities Expenses		
Alkathon	0.00	0.00
Emotional Sobriety Workshop	0.00	0.00
Gratitude Dinner	1,864.97	3,212.18
Intergroup Trivia Night	0.00	766.89
Total Activities Expenses	1,864.97	3,979.07
Committee Expenses		
Gratitude Dinner	207.30	301.54
Steering Committee	0.00	0.00
The Post	0.00	0.00
Trivia Committee	0.00	23.00
Total Committee Expenses	207.30	324.54
Fund Balance Checking		
Checking @ 1st of Mo.	9,501.27	
Current Deposits	6,986.28	
Current Expenditures	4,043.84	
Transfer to GD Reserve	1,441.45	
Transfer to Off. Res. Avail.	7,500.00	
Ending Balance, Checking		3,502.26



The worst battle I ever fought was between what I knew and what I felt.

#### NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA INTERGROUP MONTHLY HYBRID MEETING AT THE TRIANGLE CLUB & ON ZOOM NOVEMBER 28, 2021 MINUTES

**Opening** – **BC**, Chair, opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer at 1:00 PM. Welcome to three new Intergroup (I/G) reps & alts: NF (Kanapaha Open Discussion), MA (All or Nothing) and ET (Free to Be).

In Attendance ( 17 Live; 8 Zoom\*) – BC (Chair); MC (Alt Chair), DK (Secretary & Melrose 12&12); SS, in absentia (Phone Committee); PB (Acting Treasurer & Tue Night Step Study); and TS (P.O.S.T.). I/G Board members: AO (Wholesale Miracle). District 14: KP\* (Alt DCM). IG Reps/Alts: AW\* (Student Group; Vulnerable Warriors); AW (Happy Hour); BM (Alt, Eye Opener); BF (Afternoon Reflections; CH (Solutions); ET\* (Alt, Free to Be); G-AH (Gratitude Group); GN (Downtown Group); JH\* (New Life); JM (By the Book); MB (Young People's Group); MR (Eye Opener); MA (All or Nothing); NF (Kanapaha Open Discussion); NG\* (Sat Morning 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>); PC\* (Women's Serenity Seekers); SS (New Freedom). Guests: BK\*.

Chair Report – BC: The Gratitude Dinner was a huge, sold-out success. Alt I/G Chair Report - MC: No report.

**Secretary Report – DK:** She asked for corrections to the October minutes. Having none, the minutes of the Oct. 26, 2021 meeting were accepted. Motion by BF. 2<sup>nd</sup> by GN. Passed unanimously.

**Treasurer Report – PB: October Sales** totaled \$936.95. Group and individual **contributions** totaled \$1,238.51 **Purchases** were \$139.08. **Overhead expenses** totaled \$1,394.29. **Ending checking account** balance was \$9,501.27. Gratitude Dinner expenses were withdrawn from its reserve fund and the final tallies will be in next month's report. The October 2021 Treasurer's Report, (see December P.O.S.T., Page 7) was approved. Motion by Greg N. 2<sup>nd</sup> by BF. Passed unanimously.

**Phone Committee** – BC read **SS**'s report: There are no open shifts on the AA Hotline. There may be openings for AA members to take 12<sup>th</sup> Step calls from hotline volunteers. For more info, call SS. at 352.301.0354.

**P.O.S.T. – TS:** One box of hard copies of the December P.O.S.T. were available for reps/alts. To obtain more, please go to the Intergroup office.

Intergroup Office - FS: Absent

#### Website - WM (Webmaster) and NL (Alt): Absent

**D14 DCM Report – KP (Alt DCM) 1)** The January Area 14 Assembly will be held at the Sheraton Orlando North Hotel on Jan. 21 – 23. It will also be virtual. For more info or to make room reservations (as soon as possible!), go to the <u>www.aanorthflorida.org</u> website. Complimentary rooms may be applied for by contacting Area 14 and/or District 14 (<u>tobi@rejuvenada.com</u>) **2)** Volunteers are needed to assist the Technology Committee Chair with the Zoom conference. Email address is on above website. **3)** TD, District 14 DCM, asks Intergroup reps and alts to talk to their groups to see if there is any interest in having a hot dog picnic with Delegates and Past Delegates. This is an event Area 14 is offering to all districts. **4)** The Treatment and Corrections Service Committees need volunteers because outside meetings are now being permitted again. Interested members will find more information on the <u>www.aagainesville.org</u> website on the Committees tab.

#### Old Business - None

**New Business** – BC. asked the body to vote on whether or not to change the date of the next regularly scheduled Intergroup meeting (Dec 26<sup>th</sup>) to the preceding Sunday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup>. BF. moved to change the date. BM. seconded. Passed Unanimously. Dorie will send out an email blast and let the webmaster know to change the website.

BF. moved to **adjourn** the meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by PB. Passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted: DK, Secretary

#### **District 14 Business Meeting Minutes** November 10, 2021

#### Meeting called to order – 6:01 pm

In Attendance:

**Officers:** TD.- DCM; KP.-Alt. DCM; AR- Secretary; MO.- Treasurer

**Committee Chairs:** BB.- Corrections & GSR Way Out Group; JT.- Accessibilities; JW.- Grapevine & GSR 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension Group, SD.- Treatment & Alt GSR Survivors' Group, BF.- Literature & GSR Afternoon Reflections Group, NL- Website Intergroup: Not present

GSRs/Alts: DK.- Melrose 12 & 12; MR.- Tues. Night Step Study; MC.- Gratitude Group; MK- YPG; GN.- Downtown Group, SG - Survivors Group

Guests: WA, Webmaster

Minutes of October meeting accepted with revisions. There were errors in attendance and in the Literature Committee report. Members were asked to speak up clearly for the Secretary.

**Treasurer's report:** was not sent out and presentation will be postponed until next month.

#### Alt DCM's Report

KP reported that the Area Assembly will by hybrid the second week of January. Attendance for virtual assembly is free.

#### DCM calls for Service Committee Reports:

Accessibilities – JR.- working on getting schedules and attending business meetings for area groups

- Archives GN reported that the archives were moved to the Triangle Club as planned. Unfortunately, a 1<sup>st</sup> Edition Big Book was irreparably damaged by mildew prior to the move.
- Corrections BB. Meetings now active at Men and Women's Alachua Jail and Lancaster but all meetings need volunteers. PLEASE announce at your meetings to encourage volunteers!! See website for meeting information info, go to Corrections tab on website. Work Release working on reviving program, in past groups have volunteered to go in without an application process required. Jail requests literature for their lobby and Bill will follow up, Mary will request English Big Books for Jail.
- CPC / PI DK (committee member) next mtg 11/18/21 6 PM Zoom (on Website) speaker Area 14 Coordinator. Plan display at Gratitude Dinner, Public Info Display for UF/FSU game. Grapevine – JW- reorganized committee Zoom 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. 6:30 on Website. Linda G Area 14 has large inventory of
- Grapevines to sell at Gratitude Dinner. Mike O. reported Grapevine Podcasts available on YouTube.
- Literature BF- meets live Triangle Club 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 6:30 PM. Will have display at Gratitude Dinner and sign up for groups to request Committee to come to mtgs.
- Treatment SD- meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 6:30 Zoom. Getting ready to open up meetings at both venues (Vista FRC and Design for Living) for limited number of volunteers.
- Website NL- links for Zoom corrected.

Intergroup: MC. reported - Gratitude Dinner November 20 at 4 PM at St. Madeline's Church, High Springs. Sold out 250 tickets. Meat/bread/drinks to be provided, please use aluminum trays for side dishes and cover with foil. Requesting cakes and baskets for auction. Contact MA for volunteers and donations.

#### Old business- None

#### New business-

Dogs with the Delegates" function planned for Jan/Feb. Reviving old tradition. GSRs should try to attend, all welcome. Picnic format, informal information exchange. When?

The new Service Manual available for download.

DK requests Agenda for December to include considering purchasing speakers for meeting and professional storage for Archives.

#### New Business Website:

WA, Webmaster, stepping down 12/30/21. We need new Webmaster and NL cannot take over. WA has volunteered for 11 yrs. Apparently other Districts have been paying for this service, which is pricey.

Intergroup will be discussing this, but tabled until more information/viable options available. There have been several proposals to take over from private companies which include changing the coding-software. Although the chances of finding someone to take over on a volunteer basis are slim, Groups are requested to ask if they know of prospective qualified volunteers and to get a sense of in what direction we should go.

For more information, go to the Website and click on top for an explanation of what is needed.

#### Adjourned with Responsibility Pledge 7:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted: AR., Secretary

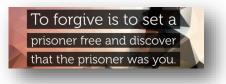
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#### **Treasurer Report December 2021 Meeting**

#### 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:			
Founder's Day - Reserve for 2020 (\$402.50 *\$50)	\$ -		
Service Fair - Reserve for 2020(300.00-283.03)	\$ -		
Prudent Reserve	\$ 5,000.00		



# Group Contributions Group Downtown Group Live and Let Live Group Survivors Gro

## DCM'S CORNER

Calling all GSR's, Committee Chairs, and people interested in improving the quality of their sobriety by participating in the AA service structure! 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. If you are a GSR or Committee Chair, we need your presence to support our tradition of having the highest turnout of any District in Area 14! If you are simply interested in getting involved in service, please join us on Saturday, where there will be many workshops that you can attend to learn about the many ways you can participate.

Dorothy K

Beginning in January, the start time of the District 14 Business Meeting will change from 6 pm to 6:30 pm. Also, beginning in February, the Business Meeting will be held in person only at the same place, Westminster Presbyterian, and will no longer be a hybrid meeting. Masks will be worn.

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



# 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







In a power outage, the first step is admitting you are powerless.

### **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

## 2021 Gratitude Dinner Totals

	Costs	Location/Vendor	2019's Prudent Reserve	\$	3,500.00
Hall Rental	\$800.00	St. Madeliene's	TicketSales	\$	2,420.00
Insurance	\$105.00	St. Madeliene's	50/50 Raffle	\$	1,066.00
Ticket Cost to Print	\$30.00	Xerographics	Cake Auction		3,190.00
Hand Sanitizer	\$35.00	Office Depot	BOG	\$	1,125.00
Name Tags 600ct	Left Over	Amazon	Totals		11,301.00
Sharpies (6)	Left Over	Amazon			
50/50 Raffle Tickets	Left Over	In Stock/\$ Tree	Expenditures (Deduct)	\$	(3,173.72)
Speaker= Misc. Gifts/Card	\$153.07	Gift Card /Assorted	Total	\$	8,127.28
Bog's	\$38.40				
Turkeys and Hams	\$717.05	TMCU/Greg	Minus 50/50 Raffle	\$	(528.00)
Gravy	\$36.59	Fl. Food Services			
Misc.Food Prep Material	\$225.00	Sams/Family\$Tree	Intergroup's Donations;		
Butter	\$33.42	Fl. Food Services			
Dinner Rolls	\$24.75	Flowers Baking	St. Madeliene's Church	\$	(200.00)
Table Covers & Decorations	Donated				
Salt & Pepper	\$7.94	Sam's Club	Triangle Club 7 meetings	\$	(140.00)
Napkins	Left Over	Sam's Club			
Sterno ( 6hr )	\$64.97	Sams Club	Total Revenue	\$	7,259.28
Folgers Coffee 2@\$9.48	\$18.96	Sams Club			
Sweet & Unsweet Tea	\$44.88	Rural King			
Coffe Cups 10oz 250ct	\$32.91	Amazon	2022 Gratitude Dinner Reserve	\$	(3,500.00)
18 oz Beverage Cups	\$22.80	Sams Club			
HD 10oz Paper Plates \$16.72	\$33.44	Sams Club	Grand Total	\$	3,759.28
6 7/8 Dessert Plates \$14.43	\$28.86	Sams Club			
Forks	\$18.78	Sams Club			
Knives 600ct	\$12.52	Sams Club			
Coffee Stirs 500ct	\$11.76	Amazon			
Powdered Milk	\$8.56	Winn Dixie			
Sugar	\$3.21	Family Dollar	XIANV	2	0
Paper Towels	\$16.98	Sams Club		1	
Planning Committee Costs	\$165.61		witha	~	
Sign	\$8.11	Home Depot	$\mathbf{h} \mathbf{h} \mathbf{h} \mathbf{h} \mathbf{h} \mathbf{h} \mathbf{h} \mathbf{h} $		
Garbage Bags	\$16.38	Sam's Club			
Misc./Incs Boxes	\$458.77				
Total Expenditures	\$3,173.72		n'ean		
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