

LOVE AND TOLERANCE

Is Our Code

Love and Tolerance is our code. Why is this so important? When I first got sober, this seemed obvious to me and easy to follow. Newly sober, I thought everyone in AA was wonderful, brilliant, supportive and sober. It was great to be a part of the human race again. Before alcohol took over my life, I was a very social person. I could surely return to that life. I learned quickly that I could not. My old social life was based upon drinking with people who drank. I could no longer “hang” with them. I could not be around alcohol. I needed to make new friends.

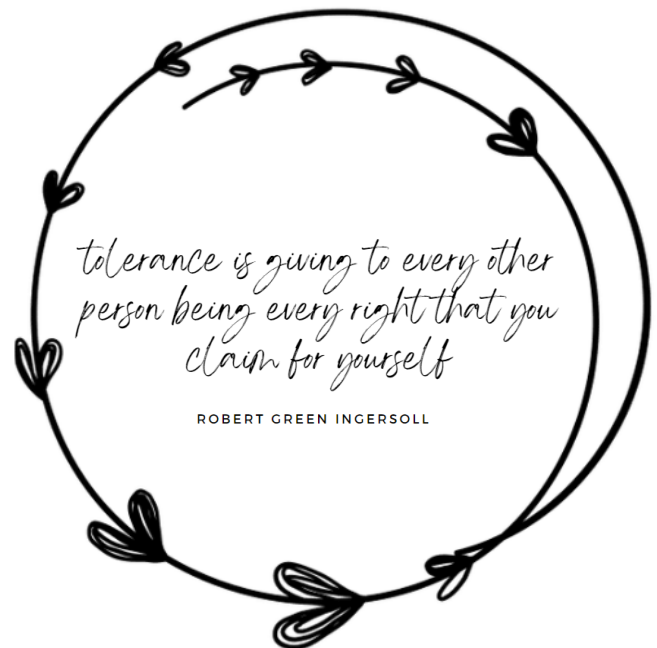
I had a very inflated view of myself. Of course, I loved my family and my friends. But my opinions and my life were simply more important than others. It took a while to understand that in AA no one cared who or what I was. They were going to love me and accept me just like any other alcoholic. As I attended more and more meetings with my new friends and family, I began to see their “flaws.” Some of them were very rude to newcomers, they thought we had nothing of value to share. Perhaps they were right. I do remember sharing some wild ideas in early meetings such as “I know that someday I will be able to “drink like a normal person.” To their credit I was not laughed out of the room.

I remember attending a meeting of another 12-step fellowship in which the cross talk after my share did make it obvious that my “Mary Poppins attitude” was not welcome. Some people rambled on incoherently in their shares, but no one interrupted them. Some people shared the same story over and over and no one criticized them.

Our code is love and tolerance. It must be if we are to survive as individuals and as a group. A person who is mocked or criticized may feel they are not welcome in AA. They might feel like they have no place to go, and AA is the last stop on for the sick and suffering alcoholic. Alcohol seems like their solution then. And we know that to continue to drink will bring death.

I have sat through countless business meetings where there has been acrimony, but no physical fights. And I have seen people vote with their feet when a “problem”

member was not asked to leave or even spoken to about problematic behavior. It seemed unfair, but there is always the concern that the “problem member” might leave the meeting and not return to AA. Those who left were assumed to be able to find other meetings. In the past I may have been shocked by the shares of some people, but realized that they, perhaps more than most, needed a safe space to share their burdens. I was learning the true meaning of Love and Tolerance. I had been the beneficiary of that code. I am grateful to have found the rooms of Love and Tolerance. –PB.



Service Opportunity!

If you would like to be on the 12 step list - the list of persons willing to give information and support to a caller to the AA hotline - please call the AA Intergroup hotline at 352-372-8091 and give your name and phone number to the person who answers. Your name will be added to the 12 step list. Then in the future if someone calls the AA hotline in need of information and support, the person who answers the phone for AA can call you and ask if you will be willing to call the person who needs information and support.

COMMUNITY NEWS



- ◆ A.A. Hotline and Intergroup received a total of 52 calls in December
- ◆ 2021's Alkathon was a great success. Thanks to all who made this happen.
- ◆ Intergroup is preparing the new Where & When. Any meeting changes can be submitted on the Website.
- ◆ Send any suggestions or ideas to improve Intergroup to: gainesville.intergroup@gmail.com
- ◆ What an incredible year in 2021. Let's make 2022 even better!

Tradition 2

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

"For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

When I came to Alcoholics Anonymous in 1983, I wondered, sometimes aloud, why didn't someone "take over." The process of group conscience seemed ponderous and some members seemed not astute enough to make the "right" decisions. I was told by my sponsor that in the group conscience our ultimate authority, God, speaks and that we trust that that loving God's Will takes us in the right direction. Needless to say, I was sure she didn't mean what she said. I was sure that secretly the "wise" and "educated" members met and took the group where it needed to go. I was wrong.

In group conscience we listen to the least educated with as much attention as we do to the most educated. We weigh the opinion of the youngest member with as much regard as we do the longest sober member. We consider the opinion of the minority view and many times we change the direction of the group because we had never considered the merits of the obscure view having been expressed by the only "nay" when given the opportunity to tell us why she voted "nay."

Tradition Two leads me to "trust God" in all things undertaken by the Fellowship. Many times over the past twenty-eight years, I've questioned "group conscience" only to find that in the end the decision made was the best direction for all. That is the beauty of "group conscience," it is God's voice telling us what is best for all of us, not just some of us. Each group is a fellowship of equals. No matter what an individual member's background, education or professional expertise, no member has authority over the group. In this way, the Fellowship reaches out to all who would seek its comfort and provides the atmosphere of a sense of belonging to all members.

-BH

HEARD IN A MEETING:

"You don't need to understand the steps in order to do them. You need to do them in order to understand them."

JANUARY Anniversaries

Everything or Nothing

BG – 6 yrs

GW – 6 yrs

Women's Step Study

MR – 14 yrs

Tuesday Night Step Study

R.JL – 38 yrs

PB – 16 yrs

RA – 11 years

Wholesale Miracle

ED – 11 yrs

Downtown Group

BP – 3 yrs

Micanopy

EMcL – 25 yrs

BF – 24 yrs (Dec)

Hole in the Wall

BP – 1 yr

4th Dimension

MB – 3 yrs

DW – 13 yrs

JH – 8 yrs

Eyeopener

BN – 4 yrs

JS – 6 yrs

TILIS Men's Group

MA - 4 yrs

CM – 11 yrs

Pamphlet Palooza

DD – 29 yrs

YPG

DA – 12 yrs

CC – 1 yr

Sick as Our Secrets

RB – 14 yrs

NO – 7 yrs

***February Birthdays?
Send them by Feb 12th to
POST@AAGainesville.org***

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 2 *“Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.”*

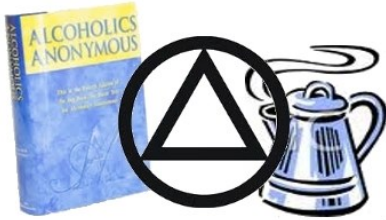
Sometimes when men and women join a 12 step program, they sometimes feel faced with a dilemma right at the very beginning. The first step is an admission of powerlessness and unmanageability. It can seem as if there is very little hope left. The second step then introduces the concept of a higher power and some members find themselves struggling with this idea. Members may worry that they will have to believe in a specific higher power. This is not the case. In the second step, the focus shifts to believing in any power greater than self. It may be God or it may be something else. Members have been known to put their faith in the group they belong to because they witnessed the surprising results in the people they have met at meetings. All that is needed is a belief in something – the Universe, Spirit, God, Buddha, etc., etc., etc.

This is an individual’s choice and is strictly up to the member themselves. Sometimes a belief in a higher power starts out slowly and gradually gets stronger as time goes by. Working the steps of the program is what adds strength to this belief. Coming to believe in a higher power is what makes this a solution to the hopelessness that can occur for those newly in recovery. Everyone’s idea of a higher power may be different but the principle remains the same. Trust in a higher power can bring a deeper connection with one’s inner Spirit. This connection can bring a person to a place of being centered, grounded, and filled with hope. Sanity begins to return, slowly at first. It will get better with time as long as a person continues to move forward in working the twelve steps of their particular program. The solution is always found in the steps.

Step One is about getting honest with self. Step Two is about being open-minded to the possibility that a higher power can help in living life in recovery. There is a new hope that can come from this realization. The solution is available to anyone who wants it – an alcoholic, an addict, an overeater, the family and friends of those who suffer from addictions of any kind. This is the best news yet. Everyone can benefit. There is nothing to lose here. Look around the rooms; see the evidence of a higher power helping other recovering members in the rooms; know that this higher power could help you too. It’s worth believing.
–TS.

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





North Central Florida Intergroup

Our office is located at:

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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



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.

Check out our website at
www.AAGainesville.org



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 Alkathon 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.

Bill Carter, Intergroup Chair

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YEAR-TO-DATE 7TH TRADITION CONTRIBUTIONS

Group Contributions	Dec.	2021 YTD	Group Contributions	Dec.	2021 YTD
10th and 11th Step		\$ 1,090.00	New Freedom		\$ 1,990.97
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	\$ 110.00	\$ 155.00	Promises		\$ 100.00
Bronson Believers		\$ 25.00	Promises Beginners		
By The Book	\$ 267.44	\$ 267.44	Saturday Night Alachua		
Daily Reprieve			Shiloh		
Down Town Group	\$ 118.00	\$ 118.00	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	\$ 235.00	\$ 1,427.50	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	\$ 544.08	\$ 1,119.08	Tell It Like It Is		\$ 40.00
Haile Freedom Group			The Loft		\$ 80.00
Hampton Hole in the Wall		\$ 206.94	The Way Out Group		
In Black & White			Tues. Night Step Study	\$ 45.00	\$ 210.00
Jonesville Group	\$ 96.00	\$ 96.00	Tuesday Alachua Group		\$ 250.00
Kanapaha Step Study	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	Unity Group		
Kanapaha Open Discussion			Vulnerable Warriors		
Keep It Simple			We Think Not		
Keystone AA Group		\$ 50.00	Wholesale Miracles		\$ 36.00
Keystone Heights Beginners		\$ 72.00	Williston Winners		\$ 19.50
Language of the Heart		\$ 135.00	Women's Drunk Squad		
Lawtey Primary Purpose	\$ 269.00	\$ 269.00	Women's Retreat		\$ 440.00
Live and Let Live	\$ 226.87	\$ 546.87	Young Peoples Group		
Live Oak Group			Anonymous	\$ 1,147.11	\$ 2,024.22
McIntosh Group					
Melrose 12 & 12		\$ 121.00	Total for December	\$ 3,158.50	
Micanopy Group		\$ 75.00			
Monday BB Study				YTD	\$ 12,852.09

Intergroup Treasurer's Report: December 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	1,442.25	7,858.30	A.A. Literature	1,088.54	5,457.76
Chips	123.00	1,107.55	Chips	254.96	796.88
Medallions	95.00	1,455.50	Medallions	0.00	319.43
Other Merchandise	23.00	235.25	Other Merchandise	0.00	0.00
Where and Whens	104.25	293.80	Where and Whens	0.00	415.00
Total Sales	1,787.50	10,950.40	Total Purchases	1,343.50	6,989.07
Sales Tax Collected	116.32	747.20			
Activities Revenues			Activities Expenses		
Gratitude Dinner Basket Auction	0.00	1,125.00	Alkathon	232.24	232.24
Gratitude Dinner Cake Auction	0.00	3,190.00	Emotional Sobriety Workshop	0.00	0.00
Gratitude Dinner 50/50 Raffle	0.00	1,066.00	Gratitude Dinner	0.00	3,212.18
Gratitude Dinner Tickets	0.00	2,420.00	Intergroup Trivia Night	0.00	766.89
Total Activities Revenues	0.00	7,801.00	Total Activities Expenses	232.24	4,211.31
Contributions			Committee Expenses		
AT&T Credit	0.00	583.05	Gratitude Dinner	0.00	301.54
Faithful Fivers and Tenners	114.00	1,228.00	Steering Committee	0.00	0.00
Group Contributions	3,158.50	12,852.09	The Post	0.00	0.00
Total Contributions	3,272.50	14,663.14	Trivia Committee	0.00	23.00
Overhead Expenses			Fund Balance		
Corp Filing Fees	0.00	61.25	Checking		
Insurance	0.00	558.13	Checking @ 1st of Mo.	3,502.26	
Intergroup's Monthly Meeting	24.49	215.31	Current Deposits	5,176.32	
Internet	71.17	843.06	Current Expenditures	3,583.58	
Office Expenses	48.68	494.01	Transfer from Off. Res. Avail.	0.98	
Office Rent	190.00	2,280.00	Ending Balance, Checking	5,095.98	
Office Manager Salary	1,102.56	9,810.24			
Paypal & Square Fees	41.75	263.31			
Payroll Taxes	187.62	750.48			
Postage	14.32	144.98			
Printing: Other	0.00	148.00			
Printing: Phone Volunteer Packets	0.00	0.00			
Printing: POST	107.20	896.60			
State Sales Tax	46.56	650.14			
Telephone	173.49	2,127.16			
Total Overhead Expenses	2,007.84	19,242.67			
Reserves					
Gratitude Dinner Reserve		3,500.00			
Office Reserve Available		10,000.00			
Office Reserve in CD's		4,832.69			



People who shine from within
do not need the spotlight.

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA INTERGROUP MONTHLY HYBRID MEETING
AT THE TRIANGLE CLUB & ON ZOOM
DECEMBER 19, 2021 MINUTES**

Opening – BC, Chair, opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer at 1:00 PM. He welcomed new Intergroup (I/G) rep, JS (Fresh Start Group).

In Attendance (15 Live; 2 Zoom*) – BC (Chair); MC (Alt Chair), DK (Secretary & Melrose 12&12); PB (Treasurer & Tue Night Step Study); FS (I/G Office Mgr) and SS, in absentia (Phone Committee). **I/G Board members:** AO (Wholesale Miracle) and BB. **District 14 (D14):** (Absent; *report sent*). **IG Reps/Alts:** AW* (Student Group; Vulnerable Warriors); BF (Afternoon Reflections); CH (Solutions); GAH (Gratitude Group); GN (Downtown Group); JR (Free to Be); JS (Fresh Start Group); MR (Eye Opener); and NF* (Kanapaha Open Discussion). **Guests:** NM (Eye Opener).

Chair Report – BC: He read a report sent by TD, DCM: 1) New time for D14 meetings is 6:30 PM (Was 6:00); 2) Effective Feb. 2022, D14 Zoom meetings will be discontinued. Live meetings will continue; 3) The next Area 14 Assembly is Jan 21 – 23, 2022 at the Sheraton - Orlando North Hotel. See www.aanorthflorida.org for details. Deadline for discounted room reservations is Dec 28th.

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

Secretary Report – DK: There were no corrections to the November 28, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion to accept by BF. 2nd by Greg N. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report – PB: *Preview of December group contributions = \$2,500!! This is well above normal!*

November Sales totaled \$682.15. Group and individual contributions totaled \$695.31 Purchases were \$567.61. Overhead expenses totaled \$1,403.96. Ending checking account balance was \$3,502.26, after a making a transfer of funds to the general office reserve. Gratitude Dinner made a \$4,300 profit. A motion to accept the November 2021 Treasurer's Report (see January 2022 P.O.S.T., Page 7) was made by Annie O. 2nd by MR. Passed unanimously.

Phone Committee – BC read SS's report: The Wed/Thurs shift was open but Jane R. volunteered to fill it. AO. will work with Sue to update the manual for Hotline volunteers. For more info, call Sue S. at 352.301.0354.

P.O.S.T. – TS: Absent. BC praised TS for meeting the early deadline so we could have hard copies today.

Intergroup Office - FS: An updated "Where and When" is expected in Feb. 2022.

Website – WM (Webmaster) and NL (Alt): Both absent. BC reported this is WM's official last day after serving 11 years. He read a status report WM sent about the transition to the new website management company. He stated that he will be available to assist with the transition. The company is owned by JF, an AA. It will charge \$25/month. The plan is to reformat the website so the skill level to maintain it can be lowered. NL will transition from Alt-Webmaster to Webmaster, per vote at last meeting. We will need to elect an Alt Webmaster. GN noted Nyree is also the D14 Website Committee Chair. Requests were made to learn the name of the company managing the NCFI/D14 website. BC will provide that and more details at next meeting.

Activities Committee: FS asked us to collect feedback on having a Serenity Scramble (golf tournament). Also, he reminded the body that we agreed to resurrect the Service Fair in 2022. He will talk to the DCM to initiate action. In the past, it was held in spring.

D14 DCM Report – See Chair report above.

Old Business – We need an Alt Treasurer to train with PB. AO suggested NCFI consider making the NCFI Treasurer a staff position. DK suggested we draft a flyer with the job description. FS will design the flyer.

New Business – None

BF moved to **adjourn** the meeting; 2nd by AO. Passed unanimously.

BC closed the meeting at 1:31 PM with the Responsibility Declaration.

Respectfully submitted: DK, Secretary

District 14 Business Meeting Minutes December 8, 2021

Meeting called to order – 6:02 pm

In Attendance:

Officers: TD.- DCM; KP.-Alt. DCM; AR- Secretary (also GSR 10th and 11th Step Group); MichaelO.- Treasurer

Committee Chairs: JW.-Grapevine (also GSR Fourth Dimension Group); JT.- Accessibilities; SD.- Treatment (also GSR Survivors' Group)

Intergroup Reps: BC. (chair), MC- Alt. Chair, GN.- Downtown Group

GSRs/Alts: DK.- Melrose 12 & 12; MR.- Tues. Night Step Study; MC.- Gratitude Group; BM- Eye Openers Group; SA— Survivors' Group; LM.- Gratitude Group; GM.- New Freedom Group, DH., Downtown Group, GM.

Minutes of November meeting: Accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's report: MO reported that he has shown Committee balances as requested. Report accepted as submitted.

Alt DCM's Report

KP. reported that the Area Assembly will be held January 21-23, 2022 at the Sheraton Maitland, rooms are \$129/night through 12/28/21. District 14 will have 2 rooms, one male and one female reserved. Committee Chairs will be reimbursed for mileage.

DCM calls for Service Committee Reports:

Accessibilities – JR.- has attended one group business meeting so far.

Archives – GN reported SP. was elected Chair. They are taking the damaged Big Books for professional restoration as they are valued at \$3-4,000 each. Members are asked to look for these valuable Big Books at garage sales. Founders' Day, June 11, 2022, is being planned.

Corrections – BB's report has been included with the Agenda.

CPC / PI – Dorie (member) reminded everyone of their meeting 6 PM 3rd Thursday at Triangle Club. There was a special Speaker Meeting and they are working to develop a Speakers' Bureau. They are working on their mission and focus.

Grapevine – JW- reorganized committee Zoom 3rd Mon. 6:30 on Website. They have purchased 4 books from Area and have obtained other material.

Literature – BF- meets live Triangle Club 1st Monday 6:30 PM. Report included with the Agenda

Treatment – Sarah D- meets 1st Wed 6:30 Zoom. Need volunteers and they have had connection problems.

Opportunities to assist at Vista and FRC. Contact Sarah or attend meeting for information.

Website – NL unable to attend.

Intergroup: BC.- Gratitude Dinner great success and volunteers were thanked sincerely. At the 12/19/21 meeting the final report will reveal profit. Paul continues as interim Treasurer until a new officer can take over. Website transitioning to new providers at \$25/month, split cost between District and Intergroup. A poll prior to this change revealed that 90% of the Districts have outside providers and that this fee is extremely reasonable.

Old business-

TD reminded us of upcoming "Dogs with the Delegate" scheduled for 3/12/22 (moved, second JW/MC) and passed. Volunteers needed to plan/assist, venue TBA.

Information regarding January Assembly on Website

No changes needed in budget to support Website

New business-

Discussion ensued regarding future of District 14 Meetings. Hard to hear Zoom participants and early time is hardship for some due to schedules. LM moved (JW second) to change meeting time from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM, discussion, vote, motion passed to begin new time January 12, 2022

Tobi brought up in person vs hybrid meeting format, which was discussed. Church requires masks to be worn.

MA (MA second) to begin in person only meetings starting 6:30 PM February 6, 2022 with masks worn.

Motion passed (6/4).

MA moved to approve new District 14 website (approved unanimously)

Adjourned with Responsibility Pledge 7:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted: AR., Secretary

District 14

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:		
<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	

*tolerance and celebration of
individual differences is the fire that
fuels lasting love*

TOM HANNAH

Group Contributions

Group	
Downtown Group	\$43.00
Live and Let Live Group	\$43.37
Keystone Heights	\$50.00
Survivors Group	\$10.00
New Freedom	\$286.35
Dorothy K	\$15.00

DCM'S CORNER

Save the Date! On March 13, 2022, District 14 will host "Dogs with the Delegate" at a park near you! Ruth R, our current Delegate, and Lori P, Area 14 Chair, will join us for fun and fellowship. They will bring the hot dogs and hamburgers, we'll bring sides and desserts. Ruth will also give us a pre-Conference report. Please plan to join us! The location will be decided soon. Stay tuned!

District 14 is in need of someone with experience as a GSR to step up and stand for Alternate DCM. This position is great experience to prepare for the position of DCM in the future. Please contact me at dcmdistrict14area14@gmail.com if you are interested, or just come to our next 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 fee waived)

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

Gratitude is the healthiest of all human emotions. The more you express gratitude for what you have, the more likely you will have even more to express gratitude for.

— Zig Ziglar

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

A History of Gainesville's A.A. Websites

The Intergroup website was created by Flora who served as the first Webmaster. The initial domain name was NorthCentralFLAA.org, which was registered on 28 September 2007. William M was appointed Webmaster in March 2010, when Flora moved from Gainesville.

In December 2012, the District 14 board voted to create a website. The domain name District14AAnfl.org was registered later that month. A website was created and maintained from early in 2013 through the middle of 2018. In April 2017, the domain name AAGainesville.org was registered and the District website was moved there. The old District domain name was allowed to expire at the end of that year. Familiar with more recent developments in website coding standards, the District Webmaster at this time (Ryan C) updated the site to be more responsive to small screens (*i.e.*, smart phones and tablets).

In 2018, soon after Intergroup was reorganized in the new corporate entity, a proposal was made to consolidate the District and Intergroup websites. Consolidation would eliminate confusion among users as to which website was the home for what local A.A. information. It would also simplify maintenance of Meetings Schedules and other information as well as reduce the overall costs of Internet presence for both District and Intergroup. The proposal was adopted in principle by both boards late that spring. The consolidated website, using the domain name AAGainesville.org, went live on the first of August 2018.

The District and Intergroup Webmasters, Ryan and William, collaborated in the consolidation work, but soon after the new website went online, Ryan resigned for reasons of family and the press of school and work on his time. William M remained Webmaster for the combined website.

The old NCFI domain (NorthCentralFLAA.org) has been retained because a great many recovery-related sites throughout Florida still link to that address. Two additional domain names (AAGainesville.com and GainesvilleAA.org) have been obtained for the sake of protecting against potential scam use of such similar domain names.

With the change in management to the new North Central Florida Intergroup, Inc., a great deal more latitude has been allowed for development of the website.

- The Meetings Schedule has been converted from a static, manually-updated page to a database-driven listing, with online, error-checking forms for making changes.
- A form to allow users to enter various filter criteria has been implemented that creates, on the fly, a smaller, more focused Meetings Schedule.
- A current listing of Open meetings, in a format that can be copied and reformatted as desired, is available on the fly for use by the CPC/PI Committee or others.
- Since the beginning of Covid-19 restrictions, online meetings have been listed with details included for Zoom access.
- The listing of Special Events has also been converted to a database-driven system to automatically post near-future events and to delete past events from the home page.
- Informational pages 'About District 14' and 'About Intergroup' have been created.
- Access to the current and past issues of the *P.O.S.T.* monthly newsletter has been made simpler by the use of online forms to identify the issues sought.
- Direct links to online means of donations to District 14 and Intergroup have been created and included on the home page.
- The highly successful, 2020 'Baskets of Gratitude' fund-raiser was hosted jointly on the website and, at the time of the auction, via Zoom.

In addition to the technical maintenance and improvements to the website, the Webmaster has often been the first point of contact for users asking a wide variety of questions about A.A. Newcomers to recovery, transplanted A.A.s from other parts of the country, and UF students in some health-related courses have been the most frequent of such correspondents, increasingly so in the time of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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thank you