# POWER

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The phrase "Lest we forget," was first spoken and examined by Rudyard Kipling, author of the famous "Rikki Tikki Tavi." His explanation and analysis of the phrase was to illustrate that "no other should be worshipped or come before one's higher power." Ideologies and material possessions must be squashed; especially when the power exceeds those of a higher regard. "Lest we forget," is also another phrase used by the generation that lived through WWI. "Those who fought on the battlefield, either died on the battlefield, or survived on the battlefield," to later on sharing experience, strength, and hope with many others. As for Alcoholics Anonymous, the phrase "Lest we forget" is a reminder for many, the trials and tribulations of the first 100 men and women who "trudged the road of happy destiny," of Alcoholics Anonymous. "Lest we forget," is a reminder of what I have ever imagined. I am a part of something so the Big Book, the steps, and the relationship with an unsuspected inner resource. These three important elements in action have miraculously changed lives,

gifting peace and serenity to those individuals who work the program. "Lest we forget," our last drunk, "Lest we forget," the feelings of shame and guilt that trapped and engulfed our emotions with negativity; "Lest we forget," those who greeted and welcomed newcomers communicating phrases like "keep coming back," "you are not alone," "don't drink," and "one day at a time." "Lest we forget," the beautiful souls who pick up the phone latenight, consciously listening to the babbling newcomer on the other end. "Lest we forget," the persons who raises their hand to sponsor, taking the newcomer through the steps, only to witness these individuals experience a spiritual awakening. As a result, the feelings of happy, joyous, and free are present. Finally, "Lest I forget," Alcoholics Anonymous, that has given me a life beyond great not only in size, but great in esteem-able attributes: honesty, willingness, and open-mindedness. "I shall never forget." -Valerie P.

#### — CALL FOR STORIES —

#### Fifth Edition of the Big Book Alcoholics Anonymous

Deadline: October 31, 2022 The Preface to the Second Edition of the Big Book explains that revisions to the personal history section of the book were made in order "to represent the current membership of Alcoholics Anonymous more accurately, and thereby to reach more alcoholics."

In that spirit, the 2021 General Service Conference recommended that: "a Fifth Edition of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, be developed, including an update of stories to better reflect the current membership, keeping in mind the 1995

"The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Preface, the Forewords, 'The Doctor's Opinion', 'Dr. Bob's Nightmare', and the Appendices remain as is."

In response to this Advisory Action, the trustees' Literature Committee is seeking a wide range of A.A. recovery experience of members in the Fellowship.

Recognizing that all stories are of value, the Literature Committee is searching for recovery stories that are from a broad cross-section of our local communities. As Bill writes on page 29 of the book Alcoholics Anonymous: "Our hope is that many alcoholic men and women, desperately in need, will see these pages, and we believe that it is only by fully disclosing ourselves and our problems that they will be persuaded to say, 'Yes, I am one of them too; I must have this thing.'

It is the Literature Committee's shared hope that any new stories from our current membership will help future alcoholics to identify and find recovery in the pages of a Fifth Edition.

Further information on where to submit your story will be provided to the Fellowship through Box 4-5-9, the A.A. website and more. If you have any questions, please write to 5BBStory@aa.org.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

- Activities & Flyers for the Website should be sent to gainesville.intergroup@gmail.com
- The intergroup office and the A.A. Hotline received 37 phone calls in April of 2022
- ◆ Founder's Day is June 11th at Trinity United Methodist Church—4000 NW 53rd Ave
- ◆ The Emotional Sobriety Conference will be held on Zoom June 25th and June 26th. Check out our website for more information.
- ♦ Intergroup office is fully stocked. Call ahead, and we'll have your order ready for easy pickup.
- ♦ Ideas or suggestions to make your Intergroup office better? Email gainesville.intergroup@gmail.com
- ♦ Intergroup is looking for volunteers to staff the office. Contact Fred at 386-628-25414
- ♦ The Promises Group needs your support! Every Saturday at the University Lutheran Church, 1826 W University Ave., with a beginners meeting at 7 pm and a speaker meeting at 8 pm



### The Steps are HOW IT WORKS. The Traditions are <u>WHY IT WORKS</u>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nowadays, the AA group answers its well-wishers saying: "Our expenses are trifling. As good earners, we can easily pay them. As we neither need nor want money, why risk its hazards? We'd rather stay poor. Thanks just the same! -AA Grapevine, 1948

**HEARD IN A MEETING** 

"My worst days sober are always better than my best days drunk."



# MAY

Starke Happy Hour

Danny T - 1 yr

Jay E - 3 yrs

Pam R - 15 yrs

Women's Serenity Seekers

Angela R-3 yrs

Michelle S - 3 yrs

Diana N – 9 yrs

Donna B – 14 yrs

Pamphlet Palooza

Gerri U – 3 yrs

Karen P - 35 yrs

Dorie K - 37 yrs

4<sup>th</sup> Dimension

Jaymes T - 3 yrs

Courtney C - 23 yrs

Fred R - 32 yrs

Everything or Nothing

<u>Downtown Group</u> Katy K – 14 yrs

Mike O - 21 yrs

Tuesday Night Step Study

Paul B - 7 yrs

Mark R - 32 yrs

Dan O – 33 Yrs

Eye Opener

Clinton W -7 yrs

Tom H – 18 yrs

Mel C - 4 yrs

**Gratitude Group** 

Matt H - 2 yrs

Joe G - 22 yrs

**Everything or Nothing** 

Women's Step Study

Nancy S - 35 yrs

Free to Be

Mark R – 32 yrs

Larry R – 39 yrs

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

### 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)

#### **General Service Office**

PO Box 2407 James A. Farley Station NY, NY 10116 (Checks payable to GSO)



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

Step Six: The "Coasting Step..."

After the hard work of Steps 4 and 5, I was so relieved at first glance of Step Six. Oh, I just need to be "entirely ready." A piece of cake!

My sponsor asked me to read the step and we would discuss it. I read about having "willingness and honesty." She suggested this prayer, "Help me to become the woman you want me to be." Then, she handed me a list of **Spiritual Exercises**. What are these? These were designed to help us develop open-mindedness and readiness for change, she explained.

Do something kind for someone without getting found out. (What??? Why??? How???) I asked my friends in the program. They smiled because they had practiced this one too. They told me about how they put coins in a meter or pushed the cart back into the grocery store or cleaned up the paper towels in a public bathroom. What is the point of doing this? I wondered. As time went on, I found out. I started to carry around this special little secret that only I knew. I began to smile at the woman in the mirror. I fell asleep with a smile on my face each night. Turns out that these are *esteemable actions* (character building). I had always hated myself. That was beginning to change.

Wait in the longest line in the grocery store. You've got to be kidding me!!! This one helps with bigshotism, believing that rules shouldn't apply to me or that my time is more valuable than yours.

There are several more spiritual exercises that have helped me "become entirely ready," for my Higher Power to remove my defects of character. I am so grateful!

-Eve C.



WHATEVER I THOUGHT I WANTED I
NOW DON'T ACTUALLY WANT IT... MY
5 YEAR PLAN HAS CHANGED SO MUCH
+ IT GETS ME THINKING: "WHAT ELSE
DO I NOT KNOW ABOUT MYSELF?"

#### **FUTURE TOPICS**

"Our Common Bond"
July

"Keep Coming Back" August

### GET PUBLISHED!

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

Power of Sober Thinking



# North Central Florida

# Intergroup

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:

June 26th @ 1:00

Check out our website at

### www.AAGainesville.org



#### **POST Submissions**

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

#### **Activities Submissions**

Send information for all activities in the AA community to 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 <u>office.manager@AAGainesville.org</u> with requests.



Hello everyone,

I hope sobriety finds you well. Just a reminder that there are service positions available at Intergroup; including, but not limited to, our AA 24-hour hotline and an Intergroup

Alternate Chair. Shifts available for the 24-hr hotline will be stated at our next meeting, as well as an opportunity to stand for open service positions. Come by and serve with us at our meetings at the Triangle Club the last Sunday of every month at 1 pm. Hope to see yall there. Thank you.

Matthew C. Intergroup Chair@Outlook.com

352-682-6728

#### First Quarter Group Contributions 2022

Anonymous	\$ 1,215.56	New Freedom	\$ 238.70
10th and 11th Step	400.00	New Hope	
4th Dimension	\$ 100.00	New Life	
Afternoon Reflections		OutSiders	40.00
Alachua A.A.		Pamphlet Palooza	\$ 40.00
Be Still and Know		Peace Seekers	\$ 100.00
Beginners Mind		Primary Purpose	
Beyond Sobriety		Progress Not Perfection	
Bring Your Own Book	\$ 	Promises	
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		Starke Happy Hour	\$ 281.99
Every Thing Or Nothing	\$ 75.00	Sober on the Suwannee	
Experience, Strength & Hope		Solutions Group	
Eye Opener Group	\$ 435.50	Stuck on Sobriety	
Free Thinkers		Student Group	
Free to Be	\$ 150.00	Suit Up & Show Up	
Fresh Start	\$ 25.00	Sunday Evening Beginners	
Friday Serenity		Sunday Morning Sobriety	
Friends of Bill W.		Survivors Group	\$ 15.00
Geezers	\$ 200.00	T.G.I. F.	
Good Morning God		Tell It Like It Is	
Gratitude Group		The Loft	
Haile Freedom Group	\$ 100.00	The Way Out Group	
Hampton Hole in the Wall	\$ 317.21	Tues. Night Step Study	
In Black & White		Tuesday Alachua Group	
Jonesville Group		Unity Group	
Kanapaha Step Study		Vulnerable Warriors	
Kanapaha Open Discussion	\$ 80.00	We Think Not	
Keep It Simple		Wholesale Miracles	\$ 118.00
Keystone AA Group		Williston Winners	
Keystone Heights Beginners	\$ 140.00	Women's Drunk Squad	
Language of the Heart		Women's Retreat	
Lawtey Primary Purpose		Young Peoples Group	
Live and Let Live	\$ 134.95	Faith 5 & 10 er's	\$ 451.00
Live Oak Group			
McIntosh Group			
Melrose 12 & 12	Year to	Date \$4,347.91	
Micanopy Group		. ,	
Monday BB Study			
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Most books and some merchandise are priced over cost to support the shortfall of the 7th tradition contributions to support our services.

#### Intergroup Treasurer's Report: April 2022

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Sales A.A. Literature & Misc.	1,083.55	<b>Y.T.D.</b> 3,719.35	Purchases  A.A. Literature & Misc.	Current 1,227.05	<b>Y.T.D.</b> 3,424.71
Chips	156.50	391.00		0.00	254.96
Medallions	60.00	417.50	Chips Medallions	85.34	327.20
Where and Whens	36.75	208.50	Where and Whens	0.00	
					337.50
Total Sales	1,336.80	4,736.35	Total Purchases	1,312.39	4,344.37
Sales Tax Collected	84.44	288.71			
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	67.00	67.00
Gratitude Dinner 50/50 Raffle	0.00	0.00	Gratitude Dinner	0.00	0.00
Gratitude Dinner Tickets	0.00	0.00	Hawthorne Picnic Donation	0.00	0.00
Total Activities Revenues	0.00	0.00	Total Activities Expenses	67.00	67.00
Contributions			Committee Expenses		
Faithful Fivers and Tenners	204.00	451.00	Phone Committee	0.00	0.00
Group Contributions	864.12	3,896.91	Steering Committee	0.00	0.00
Total Contributions	1,068.12	4,347.91	The Post	0.00	0.00
	.,	.,	Website Committee	0.00	0.00
Overhead Expenses			Total Committee Expenses	0.00	0.00
Annual Corp Filing Fee	0.00	131.25	•		
Insurance	0.00	0.00	Fund Balance		
Intergroup's Monthly Meeting	33.67	127.11	Checking		
Internet	77.17	296.68	Checking @ 1st of Mo.	3,877.36	
Office Expenses	143.70	342.78	Current Deposits	2,489.36	
Office Rent	190.00	760.00	Current Expenditures	3,064.37	
Office Manager Salary	825.67	3,278.23	Ending Balance, Checking	,	3,302.35
Paypal & Square Fees	27.78	95.70	, ,		•
Payroll Taxes	0.00	187.62			
Postage	25.57	66.77			
Printing: Other	0.00	0.00			
Printing: Phone Volunteer Packets	0.00	0.00			
Printing: POST	122.25	467.30			
State Sales Tax	66.53	312.30			
Telephone	172.64	691.16			
Total Overhead Expenses	1,684.98	6,756.90		" "	
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Reserves				•	
Gratitude Dinner Reserve		3,500.00	5/1		1
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Office Reserve Available		10,000.00			1

"Giving is not just about making a donation, it's about making a difference."

## NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA INTERGROUP MONTHLY HYBRID MEETING AT THE TRIANGLE CLUB & ON ZOOM APRIL 22, 2022 MINUTES

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

In Attendance (19 Live; 3 Zoom\*) MC (Chair), PB (Treasurer); MR (Alt Treasurer); DK (Secretary); FS (I/G Office Mgr); SS, in absentia (Phone Committee); and TS (P.O.S.T.). I/G Board members: AO (Wholesale Miracle). District 14 (D14): EC (Alt DCM). IG Reps/Alts: AW (Happy Hour Group); BR\* (Keystone Heights Beginners Group); BF (Afternoon Reflections); CH (Solutions Group); GAH (Gratitude Group); GN (Downtown Group); JH\* (New Life); JS (Fresh Start Group); MR (Eye Opener); NF\* (Kanapaha Open Discussion); PC (Women's Serenity Seekers); SS (New Freedom). Guests: BM (Eye Opener).

Chair Report – Matt C: No report. Alt I/G Chair Report – Position vacant: No report.

**Secretary Report – DK:** Three corrections to the March 27, 2022 meeting minutes were noted. Motion to accept, **as corrected**, by BF 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pati C. Passed unanimously.

**Treasurer Report** – PB reviewed the February report on page 7 of the March P.O.S.T. Group contributions were \$245, which is lower than average. The Office Mgr salary expense also reflects quarterly payroll taxes. Motion to accept by TS 2<sup>nd</sup> by GN. Passed unanimously. **Alt Treasurer Report** – **MR**: No report.

Phone Committee – MC read SS's report: There are four hotline volunteer openings: Sun (8A-12P), Sun (7P-10P); Wed/ Thu (12A-7A); and Sat (3P-6P). The hotline instruction manual is being updated, as is the 12<sup>th</sup> Step list of members willing to talk to callers. Members should have at least 6 months of sobriety. One-on-one training provided. *To volunteer or for more info, call SS at 352.301.0354.* 

**P.O.S.T. – TS:** Hard copies of the May issue were distributed. The submittal deadline for articles, birthdays, etc. is the 12<sup>th</sup> of every month.

**Intergroup Office - FS: 1)** A large literature order was placed this month. **2)** Volunteers are needed in the Intergroup office! **3)** Where and When is up to date.

Website – Fred S: NL needs activity flyers two months in advance of event.

**Activities Committee:** JH stepped down as chair. Going forward, members are asked to email event flyers to Terina two months in advance. A motion to disband the committee was made by GN. 2<sup>nd</sup> by AO. Passed unanimously.

**D14 DCM Report – EC: 1)** D14 seeks two committee Chairs: Accessibilities and CPC/PI. Two committees seek more members: Grapevine and Corrections. **2)** The next **Area Assembly** in July will **not** be hybrid. For details or GSR scholarship info go to <a href="www.aanorthflorida.org">www.aanorthflorida.org</a>. **3)** The Post-Conference Report will be presented by our Area 14 Delegate on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Go to website for details on Donuts with the Delegate.

Old Business – 1) More volunteers are needed to help with Founders' Day! The committee meets at the Triangle Club. Call the Club or Intergroup for dates and times. The celebration is June 11<sup>th</sup> at Trinity United Methodist Church. Tickets are on sale: \$5 each and \$10 at the door.

**New Business – 1)** AO, Chair of NCFI Board of Directors, asked for volunteers to revise the Bylaws.

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

**MC** closed the meeting at 1:35 PM with the Responsibility Declaration.

Respectfully submitted: DK, Secretary

### District 14 Business Meeting Minutes April 13, 2022

Meeting called to order - 6:29 pm.

In Attendance:

Officers: TD.- DCM; EC- Alternate DCM. AR- Secretary

Committee Chairs: BF.- Literature; RG.- Archives; JW.- Grapevine, GSR 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension; KN.-Treatment; JS. – Treat-

ment Alt Chair; BB.- Corrections Intergroup Reps: MC, Chair.-

GSRs/Alts: MR.- Tues. Night Step Study; GM.- New Freedom; LM.-Free to Be; MR.- TNSS; LP.; DG.-Gratitude Group;

DH.- Downtown; KP.- 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Step Meeting; JA- Lawtey Primary Purpose Group

Visitors: SW., DD., Lety R., SF., Treatment Committee

Minutes of March meeting: Accepted as revised (BF corrected "literature" instead of "membership" for his report, JW

corrected that books would NOT be available to purchase)

(BF/Jay, unanimous)

**Treasurer's report:** Report accepted as submitted

**Alt DCM's Report-** EC reported 8 voting members at Assembly Business Meeting from District 14, reports available on line

July 8-10 next Assembly in Maitland at the Sheraton

August 3-7 65<sup>th</sup> State Conference Ft. Lauderdale, main hotel booked

Spirit of Service is the new name for the Area 14 Newsletter

**DCM Report-** MR summarized activity at Pre-Conference "Sense of the Assembly."

**DCM Calls for Committee Reports:** 

**Accessibilities-** JT stepping down, not present.

**Archives**- RA reported 2 Big Books have been restored; she attended an Archives Roundtable at Assembly discussing collecting group histories. Founders' Day is 6/11/22 10 AM – 10 PM Trinity Methodist Church. Planning meeting at Triangle Club, 4/19/22 at 7 PM, all are invited to attend/assist. Donations are welcome via check to the District, specify for Founders' Day. Tickets are \$5 and limited due to Fire Codes. Theme is p. 153 of the Big Book.

**Corrections-** BB requested more volunteers so facilities can schedule additional meetings. Meeting is this coming Tues. 6 PM at Triangle Club.,

**CPC/PI-** CQ has stepped down, need new chair

**Grapevine** – Jennifer attended meeting at Assembly, 10 books in inventory (display only). She got a packet from NY of old Grapevines/podcasts. Discussed recent change in the Preamble (which belongs to the Grapevine) which is controversial. She reminded us each group is autonomous. She encouraged new members to join to strengthen the group, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. 7:30 Triangle Club. You may contact her via email, which will be on Website.

**Literature** – BF- table/books for display only (Do not remove!) DA will bring to FD. Literature was reviewed at Assembly.

**Treatment:-** KN reported that the first meeting was well attended, now coordinators for each facility, encouraging groups to get involved to volunteer (no sobriety requirement). Come to meeting last Thursday Triangle Club 6 PM.

**Website** – NL not present but sent report: still making changes to new website; flyers for website must be in JPEG format ONLY; Submitted changes will be made within 2 weeks.

**Intergroup:** MC requested volunteers for phones. Laminated sheets of 12x12/Preamble/slogans available for \$2.50. **New business-**

TD encouraged groups to register GSR/alternate GSR because the lists she has are out of date. Register on North Florida Area Website: left column/documents/change GSR forms. Fill in Group Number (required) old and new GSR information/hit submit button. She encouraged groups to update their information and make sure their groups GSR's are registered.

June 4, 2022, 10 am, Triangle Club, Ruth our delegate will come for post-delegate report – **Donuts with the Delegate**.

Motion to budget \$200 for food (Mark/Brian, unanimous)

Service Fair in September, elections are in October.

TD thanked all who assisted with Dogs for Delegates.

#### Adjourned with Responsibility Pledge 7:37 PM

Respectfully Submitted: AR, Secretary.



#### Treasurer Report May 2022 Meeting

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

	Amount	Year to Date
Opening Bank Balance	\$ 15,456.56	
Group and Individual Contributions	\$ 259.14	
Committee Expenses	\$ (161.65)	
D14 Expenses	\$ (655.52)	
	\$ -	\$ -
Earned Interest	\$ 1.29	
Total Expenses	\$ (817.17)	\$ -
Closing Bank Balance	\$ 14,899.82	
Money Held in Reserve:		
Founders Day Contributions (352.50+50 "Way Out Group")	\$ 402.50	
Service Fair - Reserve for 2022	\$ 300.00	
Prudent Reserve	\$ 5,000.00	
Operating Cash (bank balance minus reserves)	\$ 9,197.32	

<sup>\*</sup>Note - Please indicate Group Name or Number on Contributions

Group Contributions April 2022							
Group		Apr	Y-T-D				
By The Book	\$	40.00	\$	40.00			
Eye Opener - Triangle Club	\$	108.88	\$	108.88			
Live and Let Live - Sunday -Cross Creek	\$	26.99	\$	26.99			
Survivors Group	\$	15.00	\$	15.00			
Way Out Group	\$	50.00	\$	50.00			
Individual/Unknown Group - Eugene D	\$	18.27	\$	18.27			
Totals	\$	259.14	\$	259.14			

#### DCM'S CORNER

"There's a whole lotta shakin' goin' on!"

District 14 will host **Donuts with the Delegate** on June 4, 2022 from 10 am to noon at the Triangle Club to hear our Delegate, Ruth, give her Post-Conference Report. Join us to hear what happened at the General Service Conference and how it will affect us here in Gainesville. Fellowship, free food and coffee!

Treatment and corrections facilities are opening up and we need individuals and groups to step up to help carry the message. Please see the aagainesville.org website for committee meeting times or contact information.

We need Committee Chairs for Accessibilities and PI/CPC, and are discussing the possibility of making PI and CPC independent committees again, consistent with GSO and Area 14. The PI committee focuses on getting the message to a broadcasting or in-print platform while CPC focuses on personally contacting those non-AA's who may be interested in helping others. In the words of the Area 14 PI Service Coordinator: "These two committees do different things for the same reasons." To me, a combined PI/CPC committee is similar to joining the Treatment Committee and the Corrections Committee because they both carry the message to confined people. Let's not let the good be the enemy of the best when it comes to carrying the message of recovery! Please discuss with your group so your GSR can bring your group conscience to our next meeting. If Accessibilities, PI, or CPC is something you think you can help with, now is a good time to step up and help with this service. Many hands make light work!

Then, there's the website...

District 14 meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at Westminster Presbyterian Church, and we need all GSR's to join us. If your group doesn't have a GSR, now is a great time to elect one! If you have any questions, you can email me at <a href="mailto:dcmdistrict14area14@gmail.com">dcmdistrict14area14@gmail.com</a> and I will be happy to help. Give your group a voice!

In love and service,



# 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 c hope & recovery to those alcoholics who still suffer, in th 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



#### **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

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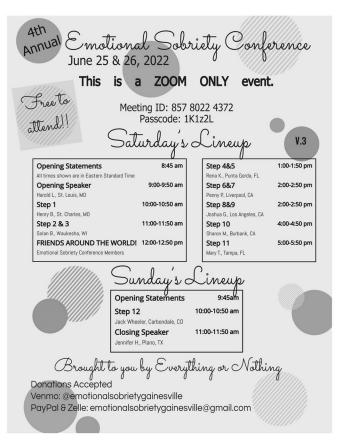
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Presented by District 14 Archives Committee

4:00 pm Fellowship

5:00 pm Dinner

6:15 pm Sobriety Countdown

6:30 pm 'Experience, Strength and Hope: the

Letters of Bill W. and Lois W.

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7:30 pm Speaker: Dan E.

8:35 pm 50/50 Drawing

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