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*ONDOUS BOND

The phrase "our common bond" brings several thoughts to my mind when concerning Alcoholics Anonymous. To me, the most notable idea is from the first page of There is a Solution in the Big Book, and the authors describe that feeling of "having shared in a common peril" as being "the powerful cement which binds us." One of my previous sponsors taught me that this paragraph of the Big Book explains that despite how different we may all seem from each other, it is our ability to relate to each other as we recover from alcoholism that unites us. I remember when I (finally) read this passage that it reminded me of my very early recovery.

When I first got sober I was 22, I was living in a big city in a foreign country, and I didn't yet think I was an alcoholic. Meetings were an entertaining social hour since I couldn't hang out in bars and clubs anymore, but I didn't relate to what others said because I didn't think I was an alcoholic. A year later I was living in a rural area of the United States, this time more convinced that I was an alcoholic, and absolutely miserable. The meetings I went to were mostly people that were older than me and I didn't feel like I could relate here either – but this time I was more desperate to stay sober. As I begrudgingly listened to the older AAs share, I realized that even though I wasn't like them externally, a lot of my internal world was just like theirs. They had done illegal and appalling things as a result of their alcoholism like I did, and they had felt the same shame, embarrassment, and frustrations that I felt too. When I focused on this my life in recovery got a little brighter. I still felt disappointed though, like the fun in my life was cut short. Going to meetings on birthday nights didn't bring me the same social camaraderie that partying with friends my age once had and I missed that. When I moved to Gainesville I found a community closer to my age in the sober young people, and I was able to recreate my idea of "fun" in recovery. We would stay up late watching movies, dancing, and playing games. Even though these people were my age, I still found ways to separate myself from them because I thought I was so

different. As I completed my steps and grew spiritually in AA, that gap between myself and people shrank regardless of age, race, religion, politics, or gender. Service is another area in recovery that brought me unity. Having a home group that I'm active in, serving on committees, and taking meetings into the jail and institutions helped me form relationships with people that had strong recovery and were serious about their program, as well as keeping me sober by carrying the message of AA, and giving those that were newly sober hope that recovery could work for them too.

This brings me to my second thought about our common bond – Unity. Here is where I'm sure some of you may drop off because Unity means I'm going to talk about the Traditions. I thought the Traditions were boring, but when I realized how important AA was to my recovery, I learned to respect them. The Traditions are not meant to be fun, they're not meant to give me what I want. The traditions are meant to ensure that AA continues to be here for years to come and are meant to work against my ego. Alcoholics have the unfortunate tendency to think we always have great ideas, and the traditions ensure that whatever great idea I, my home group, or my committee have, we can prevent that idea from harming the organization of AA. If that doesn't make sense, think of how you would feel if you went to an AA meeting, but instead of recovery someone was telling you how their vitamins, religion, politician, or fancy private rehab would cure your alcoholism. You probably wouldn't want to go, especially if you don't agree with that person. Honestly, you'll probably hear individuals in a meeting share about those things if you stay around long enough, but in the time, I've been sober I have never heard everyone in a meeting share those things and for that, you can thank the Traditions. The Traditions ensure that we all get along and focus on why we're here (our recovery from alcoholism), instead of our personal beliefs and opinions.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

- The Intergroup office and the AA Hotline received a total of 48 calls in the month of July.
- Does your group have an Intergroup Rep? If not, stop by the office to pick up the latest edition of the Post.
- Call the office ahead and we'll have your order ready for when you arrive
- Looking for service work ? Come join the incredible staff at the Intergroup office, gainesville.intergroup@gmail.com
- Intergroup is working on updating its By-Laws, the Hot Line phone manual and a new website !! Stay tuned
- Suggestions on how to make your local Intergroup office better or some item that's needed? Send to gainesville.intergroup@gmail.com
- On Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 11 AM to 12:30 PM, the 10th and 11th step group is hosting a meditation workshop. We are looking for AA members who would be willing to share their meditation techniques with others. If interested, please call Eve at 352–2 22–2086. Thank you!



- CALL FOR STORIES -

Fifth Edition Big Book

Deadline for submissions: October 31, 2022 The trustees' Literature Committee is delighted to invite A.A. members to contribute stories of recovery to the Fifth Edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, through the new story submission section on the G.S.O. website.

The new page features:

- Guidelines and suggestions on how to write your story;
 Automatic copyright signing process;
- Acknowledgment receipt (<u>Note</u>: The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether their story is selected for publication or not).

If you have any questions, please email 5BBStory@aa.org.



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

"A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve."

Tradition 9 Checklist

1. Do I still try to boss things in AA?

2. Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?

3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program—even if no one makes me do so—with a sense of personal responsibility?

- 4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take?
- 5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job?

6. Why doesn't every AA group need a constitution and bylaws?

7. Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully—and profit thereby—when the time comes?

8. What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?



HEARD IN A MEETING:

"A shortcoming is like a flat tire. A character defect is like driving on it."

August Anniversaries

JL – 26 yrs

Eye Opener

GB – 4 yrs

MW - 9 yrs

PA – 19 yrs

SW - 32 yrs

Starke Happy Hour

DK – 2 yrs

Tuesday Night Step Study

DP – 19 yrs

<u>Gratitude Group</u> MA – 42 yrs

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Free to Be

DS – 9 yrs

<u>Downtown Group</u> AH – 5 yrs <u>Hampton Hole in the Wall</u> FB – 6 yrs PW – 35 yrs

JM – 2 yrs

YPG



September Birthdays? Send them by Sep 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)

<u>General Service Office</u> PO Box 2407 James A. Farley Station

NY, NY 10116 (Checks payable to GSO)

Step 9 "Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others."

Steps 8 & 9 were the most freeing part of the 12 steps for me. Making amends of my past harms to the best of my ability removed the guilt and shame I carried. Step 8 has 2 parts – Making the list of the people I had harmed ... AND becoming WILLING to make amends. (2nd part was the hard part). Step 9 was putting Step 8 into action. Putting the theory into action. Eyeball to eyeball whenever possible.... EXCEPT "when to do so would injure them or others".

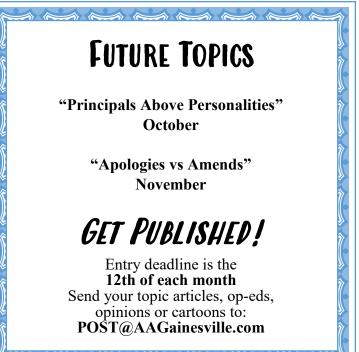
My sponsor was sure to remind me that nowhere in there did it say that I was included in "them or others". I was convinced that I would be irreparable harm to me to go through with this step. It was hard for me to wrap my mind around the idea that my expectations for the outcome did not matter.

The twist in this action was that it really didn't matter if they accepted what I was offering them or not. What mattered was that I purged myself of that burden I had been carrying, that I made the attempt to make things right. This is where humility comes from. And through humility comes FREEDOM!

When you perform an act of pure love, something completely unselfish with no hope of gain or reward, you are participating in AA's spiritual program. From the booklet, "Second Reader for Alcoholics Anonymous," published by Akron Area AA Intergroup Council

> People who shine from within don't need the spotlight







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:

September 25th @ 1:00

Check out our website at www.AAGainesville.org



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>gainesville.intergroup@gmail.com</u> with requests.



Intergroup Chairperson's Corner

Hello everyone,

I hope sobriety finds you well. Our Post is looking for articles. Information on submissions at aagainesville.com under POST tab in the drop down menu. Also, service positions are available at

Intergroup so come on by before they're filled. (Just between us, Accessibilities is open for a Chairperson ;) Our friend Brian is our new Intergroup Alternate Chair!!! Thank you for your service!! We hope to see y'all at our next meeting on the last Sunday of the month at 1 pm at the Triangle Club.

In love and service,

MatthewC.IntergroupChair@Outlook.com

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-	July		YTD		_	July		YTD
Anonymous		-		New Freedom			\$	790.2
10th and 11th Step Zoom		\$		New Hope			\$	60.0
4th Dimension		\$	100.00		_			
Afternoon Reflections				OutSiders				
Alachua A.A. Thursday		\$	160.00	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	-	\$	105.00	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	\$	383.30	\$	665.29
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		\$	216.03	Suit Up & Show Up				
Fresh Start		\$		Sunday Evening Beginners				
Friday Serenity				Sunday Morning Sobriety				
Friends of Bill W.				Survivors Group			\$	30.00
Geezers		\$	300.00	T.G.I. F.			\$	75.00
Good Morning God		+		Tell It Like It Is			\$	125.00
Gratitude Group	\$308.80	\$	668 60	The Loft			\$	40.00
Haile Freedom Group	900.00			The Way Out Group			ş	40.00
Hampton Hole in the Wall	\$ 99.00		the second second second	Tues. Night Step Study				
In Black & White	\$ 55.00	4	410.21	Tuesday Alachua Group				
Jonesville Group				Unity Group				
Kanapaha Step Study				Vulnerable Warriors	-		-	
Kanapaha Open Discussion	\$145.00	\$	225.00		-			
Keep It Simple	\$145.00	ş	225.00	Wholesale Miracles	¢	05.00	~	242.00
Keystone AA Group		-		Williston Winners	\$	95.00	\$	213.00
Keystone Heights Beginners	\$ 70.00	\$	210.00					
Language of the Heart	\$ 70.00	\$	210.00			-		
Lawtey Primary Purpose				Women's Retreat				
Live and Let Live		¢	124.05	Young Peoples Group				
		\$	134.95					
Live Oak Group				Zoom 10th & 11th Step	1			
McIntosh Group				+				
Melrose 12 & 12		\$	94.29					
Micanopy Group				July's Total		,241.10		
Monday BB Study				Y.T.D	\$7	,165.63		
Most books and some me	rchandise	are pri	iced ove	er cost to support				
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Intergroup Treasurer's Report: July 2022

Sales	Current	Y.T.D.
A.A. Literature & Misc.	917.85	7,229.75
Chips	171.50	842.50
Medallions	186.75	1,099.25
Where and Whens	57.75	407.25
Total Sales	1,333.85	9,578.75
Sales Tax Collected	83.80	584.83
Activities Revenues		
Gratitude Dinner Cake Auction	0.00	0.00
Gratitude Dinner Contributions	0.00	0.00
Gratitude Dinner 50/50 Raffle	0.00	0.00
Gratitude Dinner Tickets	0.00	0.00
Total Activities Revenues	0.00	0.00
Contributions		
Faithful Fivers and Tenners	74.00	683.00
Group Contributions	1,241.10	7,006.63
Total Contributions	1,315.10	7,689.63
Overhead Expenses		
Corp Filing Fees	0.00	131.25
Insurance	0.00	0.00
Intergroup's Monthly Meeting	29.29	216.06
Internet	77.17	528.19
Office Expenses	377.18	1,360.62
Office Rent	190.00	1,330.00
Office Manager Salary	825.67	6,278.23
Paypal & Square Fees	11.67	184.53
Payroll Taxes	0.00	417.12
Postage	19.32	184.43
Printing: Other	0.00	0.00
Printing: Phone Volunteer Packets	0.00	0.00
Printing: POST	127.30	854.20
State Sales Tax	91.18	601.41
Telephone	172.34	1,208.10
Total Overhead Expenses	1,921.12	13,294.14
Reserves		
Gratitude Dinner Reserve		3,500.00
Office Reserve Available		10,000.00
Office Reserve CD		4,850.95

Purchases	Current	Y.T.D.
A.A. Literature & Misc.	0.00	4,830.32
Chips	278.96	533.92
Medallions	160.43	487.63
Where and Whens	206.25	543.75
Total Purchases	645.64	6,395.62
Activities Expenses		
Alkathon	0.00	0.00
Emotional Sobriety Workshop	0.00	67.00
Gratitude Dinner	0.00	0.00
Intergroup Trivia Night	0.00	0.00
Total Activities Expenses	0.00	67.00
Committee Expenses		
Phone Committee	0.00	0.00
Steering Committee	0.00	0.00
The Post	0.00	0.00
Website Committee	0.00	0.00
Total Committee Expenses	0.00	0.00
Fund Balance		
Checking		
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Current Deposits	2,732.75	
Current Expenditures	2,566.76	
Ending Balance, Checking		3,195.79



"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 JULY 31, 2022 MINUTES

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

In Attendance (28 Live; 4 Zoom*) MC (Chair); MR (Alt Treasurer); DK (Secretary); FS (I/G Office Mgr); TS* (P.O.S.T.); and SS, in absentia (Phone Committee). I/G Board members: AO (Wholesale Miracle). District 14 (D14): EC (Alt DCM). IG Reps/Alts: AW (Vulnerable Warriors); BK* (Alt/Afternoon Reflections); BR* (Keystone Hts Beginners); CW (Fourth Dimension); CH (Solutions Group); GA H (Gratitude Group); GN (Downtown Group); J (W) R (Free to Be); JH* (New Life); LM (Keep It Simple/Hawthorne); MB (Young People's Group); MR (Eye Opener); NF (Kanapaha Open Discussion); PC (Women's Serenity Seekers); SS (New Freedom) and TE (Sat. Morning 10 & 11th Steps). Guests: BM (GSR/Eye Opener & Triangle Club President); KB (SOS Group); J; and LF.

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

Secretary Report – DK: 06/26/22 minutes were approved. Motion: MR; 2nd by GN. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report – MR. reviewed the June report (see Pg. 7; July P.O.S.T.) Motion: DK.; 2nd by PC. Passed unanimously.

Phone Committee – 1) One position is open: Thurs, 12AM – 7AM). Members should have at least 6 mos of sobriety. Training provided. **2)** The revised hotline handbook should be available the end of August.

P.O.S.T. – TS: No report.

Intergroup Office - FS: 1) The office is fully stocked.

Website – Fred: New website design is complete. Content is being inputted. No launch date has been determined.

Activities Committee (Comm.): PC: 1) D14 will host a Sponsorship Workshop at the Triangle Club, Sat. 8/6/22 at 10AM; and 2) The Triangle Club will host a Labor Day celebration on 9/5/22.

D14 Alt DCM Report – EC: See www.aagainesville.org or the P.O.S.T. for minutes of the District 14 meetings, Comm. meeting times and locations **1**) Accessibilities Comm. needs a chairperson. **2**) Archives Comm. is updating group histories & interviewing members with more than 30 years of sobriety. **3**) Corrections Comm. Please drop off extra copies of July 2022 Grapevine at Intergroup office for inmates. Also, will your home group sponsor an inmate? Finally, pen pals are needed to carry the AA message to the inside. **4**) **Treatment Comm.** is resurrecting the Bridging the Gap program. Groups are needed to commit carrying meetings into treatment facilities. **5**) D14 plans to host **monthly workshops** at the Triangle Club; and **7**) A Service Fair is being planned for September.

Old Business – None

New Business –1) **BF** stood for Intergroup Alt Chair. He was elected by a show of hands. 2) **EC** announced the need for meditation presenters for a meditation workshop on Oct. 22nd at 11 AM that will be hosted by the Sat. Morning 10th & 11th Steps Group. 3) FS announced the **Gratitude Dinner** will be Sat., Nov. 19th at Trinity United Methodist Church on NW 53rd Ave.

BF moved to **adjourn** the meeting; 2nd by GN. Passed unanimously. **MC** closed the meeting at 1:25 PM with the Responsibility Declaration. *Respectfully submitted: DK, Secretary*

District 14 Business Meeting Minutes July 13, 2022

Meeting called to order – 6:32 pm.

In Attendance:

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

Committee Chairs: JW.- Grapevine, KN.-Treatment; BB.- Corrections; RG.- Archives; MC– Intergroup Chair **GSRs/Alts:** MR.- Tues. Night Step Study; GM.- New Freedom; LM.-Free to Be; DH.- Downtown; JS.- Fresh Start Beginners; DB.- Hole in the Wall; BM.- Eye Opener; DG.- Gratitude Group; KP.- Sat. Morning 10th and 11th Step; LP.- All Inclusive Solution; MK.- YPG; RD.- AH, SD.- Alt. GSR?

Minutes of June meeting: Accepted with minor corrections

Treasurer's report: KP.; report accepted as submitted. KP reported mileage is now \$.50/mile reimbursement.

Alt DCM's Report- EC.- no report

DCM Calls for Committee Report

Accessibilities- Chair position open; no report.

Archives- RG.- Updating group information in person/Zoom, group histories. Redoing archives displays, obtaining individual stories from old timers (30+ yrs sober). TD distributed histories for groups.

Corrections- BB.- still looking for volunteers and copies of July issue of Grapevine for inmates. Refer to recent Grapevine article about groups sponsoring inmates, groups should contact BB via website if interested. Jail and work release shut down (COVID); Lancaster is meeting.

- **CPC/PI-** Chair position open
- **Grapevine** JW.- unable to attend Assembly. Recruiting for new Chair by end of the year. Please attend mtg. 3rd Mon. 6:30 PM Serenity Room Triangle Club. Preparing short (3 min.) speech for Grapevine Reps to read at mtgs.
- **Literature** BF.- thanked for Donuts with the Delegates. He can bring display to your groups and will go anywhere. Recruiting for members (no mtg. for 2 mos).
- **Treatment:-** KN. attended workshop on how to approach facilities. "Bridge the Gap" database format change. Two new mtgs. at Bridge and the Lodge (Ground Zero Sobriety) 7 PM Thurs. Contact her via website.
- Website NL. sent report that updates will be posted this week.

Intergroup:- MC- all committees listed on website. Need volunteer to answer AA hotline Wed. PM (midnight) thru Thurs. AM (7 AM). Emotional Sobriety Workshop well attended. New phone manual should be ready at the end of the month. Nov. 19 will be Gratitude Dinner.

Old Business- Founders' Day (GN) report in Post, added \$1,350.00 to reserves.

Sponsorship Workshop: Sat. Aug. 6 10-11 AM Triangle Club TS/NL will co-chair; will have fliers; panel and questions for speakers

New business- TD stated there will be a Service Fair with tables regarding available services. Will work with Intergroup (after they approve) and start planning in August. The 1st mtg. will be 11:30 AM at the Triangle Club following the Sponsorship Workshop.

Regarding updating the Website-discussed ability to click on Committee Chair, add information about what Committees do. Please email TD Mission Statements for each Committee.

There is a \$250 cost for the Domain, \$500 for share of development. This is a one time cost needing an adjustment to the budget. Motion to change budget (K/M, unanimous).

Oct. Area Assembly in Maitland will have elections, will be hybrid. GSRs are supposed to attend. District will assist if GSR needs room.

Adjourned with Responsibility Pledge 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted: AR., Secretary.

DISTRICT 14

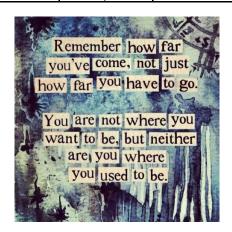
Treasurer Report August 2022 Meeting

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

		Amount	Y	ear to Date
Opening Bank Balance	\$	15,586.60		
Group and Individual Contributions	\$	409.90	\$	1,421.04
Committee Expenses	\$	(180.32)	\$	(1,011.14)
D14 Expenses	\$	(558.04)	\$	(1,406.04)
PayPal Expense	\$	-	\$	-
Earned Interest	\$	1.39		
Total Expenses	\$	(738.36)	\$	(2,417.18)
Closing Bank Balance	\$	15,259.53		
Money Held in Reserve:				
Founders Day (677.5+3,33.60=4,013.50 less 2,850.00)	\$	1,163.50		
Service Fair - Reserve for 2022	\$	300.00		
Prudent Reserve	\$	5,000.00		
Operating Cash (bank balance minus reserves)		8,796.03		
*Note - Please indicate Group Name or Number on Contributions				

May 2022 - Group Contributions			
Group Names	A	mount	
District Workshop	\$	40.00	
4th Dimension	\$	100.00	
Wholesale Miracle	\$	95.00	
Gratitude Group	\$	154.40	
TOTAL	\$	389.40	

D14 Service Committees				
Name	When	Where		
Archives	6:30 PM 1 st Tuesday of every month	Triangle Club 1005 SE 4th Ave		
Corrections	6:00 PM 3 rd Tuesday of every month	Triangle Club 1005 SE 4th Ave		
District 14	6:30 PM 2 nd Wednesday of every month	Westminster Presbyterian Church 1521 NW 34th St		
Grapevine	6:30 PM 3 rd Monday of every month	Triangle Club 1005 SE 4th Ave		
Intergroup	1:00 PM Last Sunday of every month	Triangle Club 1005 SE 4th Ave		
Treatment	6:00 PM Last Thursday of every month	Triangle Club 1005 SE 4th Ave		



DCM'S CORNER

On Saturday, September 10, there will be a Service Fair at the Triangle Club from 10 am to noon. It will be like an "Open House", and you can visit with the various service committees and volunteer opportunities that interest you. But remember – the early bird gets the best! There will be a smorgasbord of food and information – and free coffee! Play the AA Service Committee Trivial Pursuit game for a chance to win prizes. Join us as we explore opportunities for service and recovery in AA.

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 still need Committee Chairs for Accessibilities and PI/CPC. 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.

In love and service, Tobi



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



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

For the Newcomer

"I am an alcoholic who has been sober and recovering for just over eight months now. What an incredible ride it has been. From the moment I pulled open the doors to my very first meeting, I felt something different, something good, was going to happen. Those doors, which at the time I believed to be the heaviest ever made, allowed me to walk into a new way of life. I don't remember exactly what was said, nor do I remember any one person in particular, but I do remember the incredible feeling of positive power in that room. It certainly struck me hard enough to make me come back the next day, and I did. I chased that feeling from room to room, the same way I chased the seemingly wonderful effects of my first drunk. Every drunk got progressively worse. To my surprise, I found that same great feeling that I had in my first meeting in every room I went to. Sometimes more powerfully than others, sometimes the same, but never less."

OPEN HOUSE It Takes a Village! Be a Part of Something Learn About: * FARMA MATT Greater Than Yourself Accessibilities Archives Corrections SERVICE FAIR CPC / PI Grapevine AA Service Trivial Pursuit Game – Intergroup With Prizes! Literature **Phone Army FUN** SERVICE FOOD Treatment Website Saturday, September 10 Together we can 10 am to Noon do what we Triangle Club cannot do alone!

It takes only one drink to get me drunk. The trouble is, I can't remember if it's the thirteenth or the fourteenth.

George Burns



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Beginner's Book, Getting and Staving Sober in AA