

Power of Sober Thinking

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When I came into AA, I was spiritually bankrupt. Due to years of heavy drinking and a series of life experiences, I was depleted of any belief system. By the time I was 17, I had lost six people in my family to death: my father when I was 8, my sister when I was 9, my mother when I was 14, my grandfather and my step-grandfather when I was 17. I also had a very close friend die when I was 17. As far as I could tell, I didn't think God was loving and on my side in life.

I got sober in 1985 at the Coral Room in Miami. They didn't care about my wonderful theory of evolution; they simply told me to get on my knees and pray. I had this AA friend named Jim with about three years sober, and the two of us would sit and debate the God thing. Now Jim was a scientist and we both had these wonderful theories on evolution. Oh, we had great ideas and thought the God thing was good for you AAers, but we were sure that we would have to find some other resource to keep us sober.

The old-timers in the Coral Room told me that to stay sober, one simply had to find a Higher Power that one could do business with, and it could be the God of my own understanding—or AA itself. They said it's God who keeps us sober and the time might come when the only thing between me and the next drink is this Higher Power.

Fortunately for me, I chose a sponsor who didn't care what I believed in. She simply told me to get on my knees and pray. Which I did with a heart full of fear. Not so much a fear of drinking, but because I was afraid of her, and of not doing what she told me to do! I didn't know how to pray, but there I was, on my knees. So I started..."God"...and then all I could think of was that I needed help, so I added, "Help." From that first scanty prayer, wonderful miracles began to happen in my broken life. And somewhere along the line, I came to believe that there really was a God, and a God personal to me who cared about me just like it describes in our Big Book.

Around that time, I became concerned about my friend Jim, as he did not have a Higher Power yet. The day I announced to him that, "I got it, I think I got the God thing!" he wished me well and the subject was dropped. Weeks later, still genuinely concerned that Jim might drink, I said, "Jim, maybe you could use my Higher Power until you find one of your own." I told him that I wasn't keeping my Higher Power too busy and I was sure he wouldn't mind. Jim thanked me and we never spoke of the God thing again.

Sometime later, I moved away and wondered from time to time how my friend Jim was doing. A few years passed, and I came back to Miami to visit that meeting, and Jim was there. When it came Jim's turn to share, he said, "I had trouble finding a Higher Power my first three years sober, and a good friend loaned me her Higher Power. It works really well for me, and I have not found it necessary to find one of my own."

Wow! I had no idea that Jim had accepted my offer to loan him my Higher Power. He had never mentioned that to me. How interesting it was to learn that Jim was able to stay sober with a Higher Power he borrowed from me.

Since that day, I have tried as best as I can to not consume 100 percent of my Higher Power's time so my dear friend Jim can always borrow him. If you're having a difficult time finding a Higher Power, look around your meeting room and see who seems to have a really good one. Perhaps they'll let you borrow theirs for a while.

M.L. Placitas, N.M.

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Under 7th Tradition addresses please note the new one for Area 14, also known as Area Assembly and North Florida Area Conference (NFAC):

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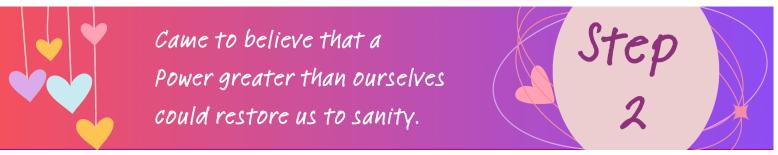
The new edition of the Where and When meeting list has gone to the printer. We'll have it in stock by the end of February.

We have in stock Spanish language Big Books, 12&12's, and Living Sobers. Please email <u>gainesville.intergroup@gmail.com</u> if you would like to order a large number of books or pamphlets.

Sale items include: the First Edition facsimile of <u>Alcoholics Anonymous</u>, the Service Manual, pocket-size 12&12 and Big Book, and the gift edition of the 12&12 are all **\$5.00** each. All soft-cover Grapevine books are **\$7**.

In grateful service,

A.O. (gainesville.intergroup@gmail.com)



The second step is the one that gives us hope. With step two we learn that we are not alone and that something greater than ourselves can help to conquer addiction and despair. Becoming a sober person, free of your addictions means a restoration to sanity. In AA we learn that by working the 12 steps the restoration is happening in part because addiction and its accompanying insanity are not controlling our lives anymore.

All of the words of the 12 steps are very specifically chosen, which is another thing I love about working with them. The second step doesn't say "We came to believe in a power greater than ourselves" it says "We came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity." That's the beauty–we are invited to begin to think about what our higher power can be.

The emphasis is not on who or what the power is, but on what the power can do for us. The group of AA itself certainly qualifies as a power greater than ourselves (our fellowship is in the millions and always growing) as do the spiritual principles contained in the 12 steps.

The awareness and understanding that we can't recover alone and that we need some kind of help is the lesson at this point in recovery. The spiritual principles that are the foundation of this step are openmindedness, willingness, faith, trust, and humility. It really doesn't matter whether we have any idea of how this power greater than ourselves is going to help, just that we come to believe it is possible.

February Birthdays

Ath Dimension CB - 32 yrs

<u>10th and 11th Step group</u> DW - 15 yrs JS - 8 yrs ML - 17 yrs

By the Book MC - 4 yrs

Downtown Group

DH - 11 yrs

Eye Opener Group

EH - 6 yrs LP - 35 yrs

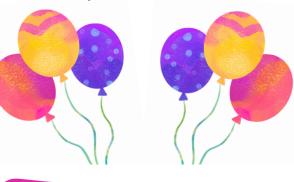
Free to Be

CE - 7 yrs SG - 11 yrs SA - 43 yrs MJB - 5 yrs Hampton Hole in the Wall RD - 18 yrs MD - 11 yrs M - 3 yrs

Lawtey Primary Purpose Group RS - 3 yrs

SS - 8 yrs JT - 21 yrs

Peacekeepers JD - 29 yrs



New Freedom K - 35 yrs D - 21 yrs

L - 35 yrs

Sisters in Sobriety

CC - 7 yrs KN - 12 yrs KL - 11 yrs ST - 12 yrs

Starke Happy Hour Group CC - 1 yr

The Way Out Group,

High Springs DT - 3 yrs TS - 47 yrs

<u>YPG</u> LC - 11 yrs MO - 8 yrs



Please consider serving as an Intergroup Home Group representative. One year of sobriety is recommended. Attendance at Intergroup monthly meetings is required.

The Intergroup office can always use more help. Volunteers need a minimum of two year's sobriety. They work at least one shift (3 hours) per month on the Intergroup schedule. Meet new people and be of service. Email AO if interested at <u>gainesville.intergroup@gmail.com</u>.



Tradition Two first saw the light of day when A.A. was only three (1937) years old. Our A.A. Co-Founder Bill W. shares in this Tradition how he had an opportunity to work at Towns Hospital in New York where he found sobriety. Charlie Towns, the owner of the Treatment Center, was going to give Bill an office and a drawing account (\$), and he in essence would become a lay therapist helping the admitted patients.

In the year 1937, the only real income coming into Bill W.'s household was his wife Lois's income from a Department Store in New York City. Bill pondered this new employment position. Because of the single income in his household as well as some Wall Street creditors he owed money to, this looked like a good opportunity for him to get back on his feet again.

When Bill went to his A.A. Home Group that same evening he was offered his new employment position and when he mentioned his good news to the group members, the group fell silent. One member of the Group finally exclaimed, "Bill, don't you realize, he went on, that you can never become a professional? As generous as Charlie has been to us, don't you see that we can't tie this thing up with his hospital or any other?" Bill realized that the group's conscience was right and he was wrong.

Bill W. also mentions this A.A. Tradition and defines two classes of A.A. members that are in some A.A. Home Groups. In proverbial A.A. slang, Bill refers to "elder statesmen" and "bleeding deacons". The elder statesman is the one who sees the wisdom of the group's decision, who holds no resentment over his reduced status, whose judgment, fortified by considerable experience, is sound, and who is willing to sit quietly on the sidelines patiently awaiting developments. The bleeding deacon is one who is just as surely convinced that the group cannot get along without him, who constantly connives for reelection to office, and who continues to be consumed with self-pity.

Tradition Two was written by Bill W. in 1946. The Trustees of the Alcoholic Foundation*, Inc., at that time, authorized its publication. It was not until 1951 that the newly formed General Service Conference was convened to see that Tradition Two could be successfully applied to A.A. as a whole, including its trustees and founders. Bill also writes that they had to find out whether the A.A. Groups, under the General Service Conference, could and would assume ultimate responsibility for A.A. World Services. It would take five more years for everyone to be convinced that Tradition Two was for everybody. This Tradition would be cemented into the Conference Charter which was written and approved in St. Louis, Missouri in 1955.

• In 1954, the name of the Alcoholic Foundation, Inc., was changed to the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc., and the Foundation office is now the General Service Office.

Report Sources; Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions

By D.F.



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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 gainesville.intergroup@gmail.com with requests.



Hello folks!

Intergroup chairman A.B. here, hoping everyone is safe and reasonably happy. I want to thank SG. She is our new Intergroup alt-chairwoman. We are still in need of an alt-phone chair.

There is one shift open for the phone service work. Please text E. at 352-359-2042 if you are interested in covering that shift. We are in dire need of front-page articles and short stories for the POST. Contact M.G. at post@aagainesville.org for further information.

Remember, attend your monthly Intergroup business meetings to learn more about Intergroup, events, and projects that Intergroup supports. Meetings are on the last Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm at the Triangle Club. You can also attend and participate via ZOOM. The link is available on the Intergroup website, aagainesville.org.

I can be contacted at <u>bryca137@aol.com</u> if further information or help is needed.

In Unity, Service, and Recovery,

Thanks, A.B.

January Group Contributions By the Book \$30.00 Free Thinkers \$100.00 Hampton Hole in the Wall \$145.01 Hampton Nooners \$65.25 Lawtey Primary Purpose \$300.00 Peacekeepers \$75.00 **TGIF \$75** Wholesale Miracle \$66.40 Women in Action \$3.36 Young People's \$108 Unknown/Unnamed group \$70 Individuals, Faithfuls \$56.71 Total \$1019.74 Thank you for helping to carry the message!

North Central Florida Intergroup Monthly Meeting Minutes January 2024



Open the meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer - AB. new chairperson.

Chair Report - AB: Visiting meetings to pass on the word about Intergroup. Asked those present to share.

Secretary report-KM, Secretary 1) Time allowed to review minutes from last month that were posted in the POST. 2) Annie pointed out that Matthew C was inadvertently called "Michael" at one spot in the minutes. Motion to accept: Brian, second by Mark.

Treasurer Report – MR, Treasurer: Mark read the report. 1) Bottom line was \$10,928 for the Gratitude dinner. 2) Intergroup took in \$2000 less than the previous year, but that is OK, since we provide a service, not make money. 3) Total donations in December was \$768.16. 4) Intergroup office manager has been buying lots of books to explain the expenses. 5) CD came due and was renewed at a higher rate. Motion to accept. Seconded and passed.

Phone Committee – E was present for her first meeting. 1) One opening on Sunday from 1pm-4pm. 2) Waiting on info from S to determine if there are any other openings. 3) E would like to be texted rather than emailed by people on the phone list. 352-359-2042. 4) Thank you Sue for keeping the phones going, while she was transitioning. 5) M added that S will still be available while E is learning the ropes. If you are interested in taking a shift on the Intergroup phones, please send a text to E. There is training available to help you. This is a great way to be of service!!!

P.O.S.T. - MG: post@aagainesville.org 1) We are now in January and the January issue has been published. 1st issue of Volume 29. 2) Font size for meeting minutes and treasurer's report. (need something more legible). 3) In desperate need of someone to write a front-page article. Please announce in your home group and have them email the POST. 4) AO added that the post looks fantastic and Macy is doing a great job. 5) Check out the library of POSTs located on <u>www.aagainesville.org</u>. 6) MG is looking to compile a list of people who would be interested in writing short articles for the POST. Please email her and let her know.

Intergroup Office Manager - AO: <u>gainesville.intergroup@gmail.com</u> - 1) Literature/Merchandise - sale on 1st edition facsimile until they are gone. 2) Sale on Grapevine books - collections of stories (young people, old timers, etc. 3) Mini 12&12 and Mini Big Books on sale. 4) Working on an updated copy of Where & When

Website – TC, Webmaster; <u>webmaster@aagainesville.org</u> 1) Update to the District 27 meeting list. 2) One pending update for February 1st. 3) Working on re-doing the District 14 and Intergroup pages (price list). 4) Requested copies of POST for the website. 5) There is a printable version of the Where & When that is an updated PDF taken from the meeting list.

DCM Report – EMH; Alt DCM - S. 1) Pre-Conference workshop - M is our Delegate. March 17th in Ocala. Information is available on <u>www.aanorthflorida.org</u> a. plain language translation of the Big Book written at a 5th-grade level. 2) District is taking an inventory. These were given to the GSR to complete anonymously. 3) Requested any updates to the Where & When 4) Accessabilities - S is working to get the message and meetings out to under-represented communities (persons of color, homeless, ACDC). 5) Archives - persons with 30+ years or more of sobriety. Looking for some stories. 6) Corrections - W - more male volunteers to take meetings. 7) CPCPI - Ryan is committee chair. <u>ryancopenhaver@protomail.com</u> 352-575-8453. 8) Grapevine - if your group doesn't have a grapevine rep, they should. Info kits are available online. Prison edition available. 9) Literature - J. 10) Treatment - Meetings currently being taken into meridian, bridgehouse, metamorphosis, FRC 11) Old Business - Measures are under way for making guidelines to make changes to the original wording by the authors of the Big Book. 12) Plain Language Big Book translations workshop on 2/25 at 2-4pm, zoom ID is 86722006265, passcode 924686

Available Positions: Alternate Webmaster, Alternate phone, Alternate Chairperson. If you are interested, then please come to the IG meeting. 1) J stood for the position of Alternate Webmaster. S nominated, M seconded. All in favor. 2) SGW stood for the position of Alternate Chairperson. MG nominated, S seconded. 3) Still need an alternate phone chair.

Old Business: G - Alkathon was a success. Meeting rent was covered for the meetings that came in from outside. Consideration for covering the rent for the regularly scheduled meetings of the Triangle Club for the Alkathon.

New Business: E asks to mention in your home group about the Alt Phone chair. Text E directly if you are interested. There is a training period for the new chair.

Motion to close made by M. Second by M. Motion passed. Other Notes: Close Meeting with Responsibility Declaration.

Date of next meeting: Sunday, February 25th at 1:00pm

All Intergroup meetings are available on Zoom - you can attend and participate from home!! The link is available on the Intergroup website.

North Central Florida Intergroup Treasurer's Report -January 2024

	Current	Y.T.D.		Current	Y.T.D.
Sales	\$1,493.26	\$1,493.26	Committee Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sales Tax Collected	\$94.07	\$94.07			
Card Convenience Fees	\$7.50	\$7.50			
Activities Revenues	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Total Revenues	\$1,594.83	\$1,594.83	Activity Expenses	\$200.00	\$200.0
Contributions					
Faithful Fivers	\$65.00	\$65.00	Purchases	\$690.64	\$690.6
Group Donations	\$942.10	\$942.10			
Other Dontion	\$14.71	\$14.71			
Total Donations	\$1,021.81	\$1,021.81			
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00			
			Total Deposits	\$2,616.64	
Overhead Expenses					
Intergroup Monthly meeting	\$20.00	\$20.00	Total Combined Expenses	\$2,573.10	
Internet	\$77.22	\$77.22			
Office Expenses	\$6.75	\$6.75	Gain/Loss	\$43.54	
Rent	\$275.00	\$275.00			
Office Manager Salary	\$825.67	\$825.67	Checking, End of Month	\$3,989.44	
Paypal and Square Fees	\$23.84	\$23.84	Business Shares	\$11,974.62	
Payroll Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	Certificate of Deposit	\$9,367.52	
Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Printing POST	\$111.89	\$111.89			
Printing Other	\$0.00	\$0.00			
State Sales Tax	\$125.90	\$125.90			
Telephone	\$216.19	\$216.19			
Other Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Total Overhead Expenses	\$1,682.46	\$1,682.46			

Total Office	\$26,219.81	
Total Activit	ies Expenses	\$3,218.09
Total Purcha	ases	\$16,497.47
	Total Spending	\$45,935.37
Total Contri	butions	\$13,590.54
Total Sales		\$18,742.52
Gratitude Di	inner Income	\$11,095.42
Interest		\$306.24
	Total Income	\$43,734.72
	2023 Loss	\$2,200.65

DISTRICT 14

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

District 14 Business Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2024

Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Secretary's Report - previous month's minutes approved with one revision // Treasurer's Report - accepted

DCM Report - EC that the next **Area Assembly** will be held at the Mission Inn Howie in the Hills on April 5-7, 2024. **The Pre-Conference Workshop** will be held on March 17 at the DAV in Belleview. See aanorthflorida.org for more information. This year there is a very short turnaround for GSRs to get the information, take it back to their home groups to get their votes by next Assembly (April 5-7) to share with Delegate (who takes our voice to NY). **Women's Conference** Jan 26- 28, Jacksonville; **67th Florida State Convention**, Jacksonville August 1-4. **Group visitations** – flyers were distributed to volunteers to visit 69 meetings (those with no GSRs). **District Inventory** – Inventories were handed out to GSRs to complete and return

anonymously, at the next District Meeting. New *Where & Whens* are being completed as of February 1st, so Eve reminded GSRs to contact her with any meeting updates.

Alt DCM Report - S reported on the recent Area Assembly. Reviewed Tradition 1 and Concept 1 with the group.

Accessibilities – S - Working on serving homeless alcoholics (St. Francis House and GRACE Marketplace) and reaching people of color who are alcoholic and flow chart for alcoholic women who are being released from the Alachua County Jail, "What can I do to stay sober when I get out of jail?" Shade met with Eric Davis the Director of Housing at St Francis. Looking

into bringing meetings to a sober living house on 39th Avenue. The committee continues to ensure that there is large print literature in the Alachua Co. Jail.

Archives – Tree illustrating Gainesville meetings is being updated. Interviews of AAs with 30 or more years of sobriety; several members will be attending an Archives workshop in Tampa with a speaker from Akron.

Corrections - N- Committee is still looking for male volunteers to take meetings in jails and prisons in the area. Wayne is the coordinator for Bridging the Gap at Lake Butler. There is also another Bridging the Gap meeting at Santa Rosa.

CPC/PI - RC - Still in need of members to either help generate new ideas or help with current service commitments. Meeting meets via Zoom. Please email R at ryancopenhaver@protomail.com or call or text to 352-575-8453 to get a link to the meeting.

Grapevine - B- Does your group have a Grapevine Rep? To obtain an info kit , contact the Grapevine website (aa.org). Deadline for Grapevine prison edition is Feb. 15, 2024.

Literature – J – Please let her know if there are any new meetings which need pamphlets.

Treatment - K- The following are institutions whose AA meetings are being covered by members of the Treatment Committee: MERIDIAN- Sundays and Wednesdays. Time period can be at 1pm, 2pm -or 7pm. Joe is the coordinator. All Sundays are

covered except the 5th Sunday. Free to Be group took the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm. BRIDGEHOUSE, A willing to be the coordinator. 2-4 people can go in. MIST, everything is going well . There are Big Books. VISTA, no news which is good. Need a follow-up to see if they will need more than 2 people to bring in meetings. METAMORPHOSIS (META) Everyone has been going. They have enough chips. FLORIDA RECOVERY CENTER (FRC) Needs to hire a coordinator to work with the Treatment Committee and arrange visits.

Intergroup - AB - The Post will be dated for the current month. S who oversees the phone bank reports that they are in need for a volunteer for Sunday Noon to 4PM. Her phone is 352- 301-0353. Need an alternate chair.

OLD BUSINESS: As of now the proposed changes to the writings of AA's founders are a non issue. More anon, perhaps.

Meeting adjourned with AAs Responsibility Pledge.

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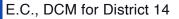
Treasurer Report February 2024 Meeting

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Group and Individual Contributions			\$	651.33	\$	6,314.77		6:00 PM	Triangle Club	
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Treatment	-	5	(1,300.00	\$	345.56			Triangle Club
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District 14 Lodging Reimbursement Area Assembly					(300.00)		every month			
Intergroup Archives Committee					(300.00)					
Total Funanditunas							(627.00)			
Total Expenditures							(627.00)			

Hi friends!

Many exciting events are coming up! First, we have a **Pre-Conference Workshop** on March 17, 2024, 11 am to 2 pm at the DAV 9636 SE 58th Avenue, Belleview (near Ocala), FL 34420. Our delegate, Mary, will share the Agenda items with us so we can take them back to our home groups to get their votes. At the **next Area Assembly, April 5-7**, we can share the information with Mary who will take our voice to NY at the April Service Conference. Also, there will be a **Plain Language Workshop** on February 25 from 2-4 on Zoom. More information is available at <u>aanorthflorida.org</u>. We are taking our Inventory at the District level to see how we can improve serving the needs of our members and according to the recent Treasurer's report, we have "broken even," this past year (contributions/expenses) thanks to the generosity of our members! Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

In loving service,



DONATIONS



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."

Accepted Payments:

Check payable to NCFI, Cash, Credit Card (fee waived), PayPal, or Venmo









7th Tradition Addresses

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General Service Office PO Box 2407 James A Farley Station NY, NY 10116

(Checks payable to GSO)



(27th A Thy Power, Thy Love,					
April 12th, 13	th. 14th 2024				
For more information call: (85 E-mail: lynwilkins@gmail.com Mail: Ag Center 1424 Jackson Avenue (Hwy 90), Chip Registration S30.00 per person (Due by Fri. 4 335.00 at the door Children 12 and under \$5.00	0) 769-1929; (850) 333-3410. 412 Triton St, Port St Joe, FL 32456 Jey, FL				
Registration Opens	at 3 P.M. Friday				
Friday, April 12 th 4:00 pm Open Discussion Meeting on Bleachers	Speakers:				
6:30 –7:30 pm. "Pickin & Grinnin"	Patrick G. AA Lake Placid, FL				
8:00 pm. Speaker	Linda G. AA Lake Placid, FL				
Saturday, April 13 th	Larry S. AA Wewahitchka, FL				
6:00 am. Ag center opens 7:30 am. Early Bird OD Meeting on Bleachers	Amanda B. AA Montgomery, AL				
9:00 am. Speaker	Angie B. Al-Anon Destin, FL				
10:30 am. Old Timers Panel 1:00 pm. Speaker	Suzie B. AA Mossy Head, FL				
2:30 pm. Speaker	Voice - Patsy W. AA of Dothan, AL				
4:00 pm. "Pickin & Grinnin" 5:30 pm. Meal	Voice - Patsy W. AA of Dothan, AL				
6:30 pm. Raffle Big Screen Smart T.V.					
8:00 pm. Speaker	Come & Enjoy				
50/50 Raffle to follow speaker	Good food and Fellowship!				
Sunday, April 14 th	*Days Inn* *Comfort Inn & Suites				
6:30 am. Ag center opens 7:30 am. Early Bird OD Meeting on Bleachers	@850-415-6484 @850-415-1111				
9:00 am. Speaker	\$69.98 per night \$99.00 per night				
**Schedule subject to changes	Must mention Country Round Up to get rate				
~	hout the weekend ya'll come join in.				
	and join in. All Pickers Welcome!				
Donations of snacks and bake	d goods would be greatly appreciated.				
Registration Badges are required for entry to all fu	inctions. Ag Center closes at 11:00 pm Fri and Sat Evenings				

Prodigal Sons V Central Florida AA Men's 12-Step Retreat, Spring 2024

The Spring Retreat is once again around the corner!

WHAT: 3-day, 12-Step Men's Retreat welcome to all members of Alcoholics Anonymous. Based on the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, put on by recovered alcoholics for other alcoholics in recovery. The presenters utilize only AA conference approved literature. The events include speakers for each step, buzz group sessions to work the steps, (5) meals, AA speaker meeting, snacks, fellowship, bonfire, lakeside morning meditation. Camp style lodging included with registration fee.

WHEN: Friday May 17 thru Sunday May 19, 2024

WHERE: Lake Yale Baptist Convention Center 39034 County Rd 452, Leesburg, FL 34788

WELCOME: Registration begins 2:00 pm Friday, November 17th Retreat begins at 4:00pm Dinner served at 5:30pm

COST: \$162: Camp lodging and bring your own bedding, towels, pillow \$177: Camp lodging with supplied bedding \$120: All retreat events with no lodging *Limited hotel room space for additional fee is available. Call for details.

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Payment (check money order, PayPal) Due on March 29, 2024

<u>WHO TO CONTACT</u>: For the application form send an email to: <u>prodigalsonsv@gmail.com</u> or call/text Daniel at 941-730-4274