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Carrying the message

April 2005

NATURE COAST INTERGROUP AND DISTRICT 28

meetings are held at the
Community Center in Holder
Sunday, April 24, 2005
INTERGROUP...4:30 PM
DISTRICT...6 PM

**INTERGROUP IS PART OF
AA – YOUR SUPPORT IS
NEEDED AND APPRECIATED.**

Come get involved!

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Letter to the Editor:

Recently everywhere I go someone is talking about the controversy at the Serenity Club in Crystal River. According to *BOX 459*, published by the General Service Office of AA, there are no AA Clubs. In the February-March issue, page 5, under FAQ, addresses Clubs.

Q. *Is there such a thing as an A.A. Club?*

A. *No. Many clubs act as a landlord for A.A. meetings. A.A. meetings remain autonomous and are involved in club operations or policy. For more information, request A.A. Guidelines on Clubs from G.S.O.*

I would like to take a moment of your time to present some information that may shed some light on the current situation. The "Serenity Club" is only a building structure that serves as a landlord to the groups that hold meetings within its walls. The "Serenity Club" does not sell "CLUB" memberships so there are NO Club members. If your group met at a local church or community center you would not have the right to demand financial records from your landlord. You could not demand that your landlord remodel your rental space. So it is with the "Serenity Club". The only right each group has, that meets at the club, is to negotiate your rental cost. If your landlord and your group are unable to come to an arrangement that is acceptable to both, your group has the option of finding a new meeting place.

As a member of the fellowship I see this current controversy as a distraction to the objective we have of "carrying the message to the alcoholic that still suffers". Our District is currently working with correctional facilities, local medical professionals and medical facilities, judges and courts, treatment centers, schools, publishing meeting lists and hosting quality workshops. Our Intergroup is busy running the AA Hotline, publishing our monthly Newsletter, maintaining our Website, collecting and preserving our history and sponsoring family oriented social events.

The stakes are high. People are dying every day from the disease of alcoholism. We need to stay focused on our mission.

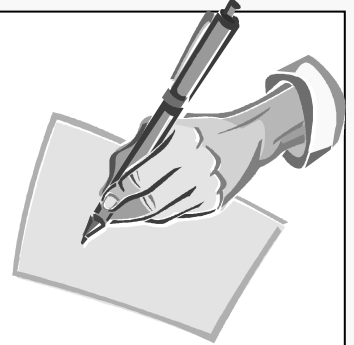
Anonymous

Tradition Four

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

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DISTRICT WORKSHOP: 1ST LUTHERAN CHURCH, INVERNESS.

Saturday, April 16th, 2005

DOORS OPEN AT 9 AM FOR COFFEE & DONUTS.
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AFTER WORKSHOP.



THEME: *Our Singleness of Purpose — Is It Still Relevant in the 21st Century*

Workshop Host: Dan E. Past Area 14 Delegate

For more information contact: **MARILYN B.** ph: 212-6128

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH THIS EVENT—CALL MARILYN B.

Area Events

May 6-8, 2005 – Fri. – Sun.

Young @ Heart Roundup

La Quinta Inn—21338 US 19 N
Clearwater, FL

Info: (727) 521-4090
email: mcdonald8@verizon.net

May 14, 2005 - Sat. — 9:30AM - 6:00PM

Back to Basics Workshop

Loch Haven Park—610 N. Formosa Dr
Orlando, FL

Info: (407) 260-5822
Take all 12 steps in 4 one-hour sessions

June 3-5, 2005 - Fri. – Sun.
29th Annual Lake Yale Spring Meetings

Baptist Assembly Area located on the shores
of Lake Yale

Info: (813) 961-3070
email: lpgove@pstel.net
Website: lakeyaleretreat.com/

August 3-7, 2005 – Wed.-Sun.

49th Florida State Convention
Wyndham Palace Resort & Spa
Orlando, FL

Reservations: (800) WYNDHAM
Register online:
Florida State Convention

National & International Events

**2005 International Convention of
Alcoholic's Anonymous**

THURSDAY, June 30-SUNDAY, July 3, 2005—Toronto, Canada

The International Convention will celebrate A.A.'s 70th Anniversary, June 30 - July 3, 2005, in Toronto, Canada. With a theme of **"I am Responsible"**, A.A.s from around the world will converge on Toronto to celebrate sobriety, and share experience, strength and hope in meetings, panels and workshops at the Metro Toronto Convention Center, the SkyDome stadium, and at other locations throughout this exciting city. Members of the Fellowship, as always, are now gearing up for this wonderful event and the General Service Office is beginning to receive inquiries. More info is available on the AA website or visit

www.ncintergroup.com.

NATURE COAST AA MEETINGS

ADDITIONS: New Horizon Group - Tuesday 7:30 PM - [Unity House](#) - 1515 Whitelake Dr. -
Note...replaces Living Sober Group

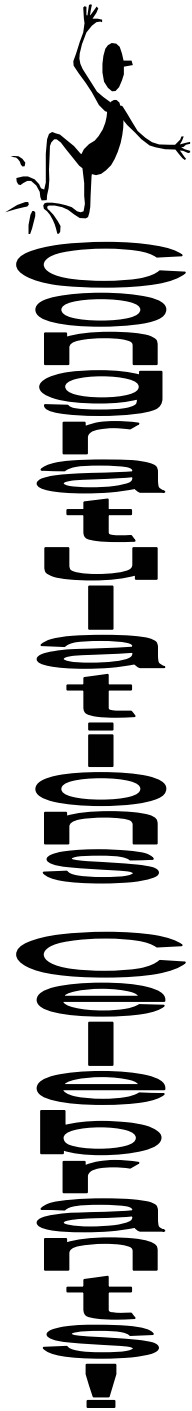
DELETIONS: New Horizon Group - Thursday 8:00 PM - Unity House
Note...Tuesday night meeting remains active

CHANGES: Won-Rebos Group - Wednesday 12 Noon - [First United Methodist Church](#) -
21501 W. Hwy 40 - Dunnellon

CHANGES: Step Study - Monday 4:30 PM - [United Methodist Church](#) -
Hwy 581 South - Inverness - Changes from Thur 5PM Note: changed 3/17

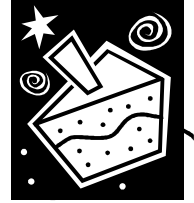
2005	March	YTD
Beginning Balance	3543.08	
Income		
Support - Individuals	16.00	45.50
Support - Groups	40.00	566.00
Book Sales	393.21	1556.11
Medallion Sales	75.41	144.51
Other Sales	49.42	201.38
Sales Tax Collected	31.13	114.22
Events	0.00	163.50
Misc Income	0.00	0.00
Total Income	605.17	2791.22
Expenses		
Rent(paid for year in Oct)	0.00	0.00
Sprint	37.61	113.38
Alltel	54.55	170.45
Books & Medallions	696.02	1410.06
Recovery Items	91.60	126.85
Sales Tax Paid	0.00	50.32
Journal	0.00	95.60
Website(paid for year in Oct)	0.00	0.00
Secretary Expenses	0.00	11.54
Bank Fees	0.00	0.00
Events	0.00	11.10
Misc Expenses	122.48	183.73
Transfer to Money Market	0.00	546.86
Total Expenses	1002.26	2719.89
Ending Checking Balance	3145.99	
Reserved for Events	-500.00	
Available Funds	2645.99	
Inventory Value	1219.65	
Accounts Receivable	45.11	
Office Reserve Account	3838.74	
Total Assets	8249.49	

One Day at a Time



EASY DOES IT!

April
2005



ATTN. Group Secretaries:

Please call or email your list for next month's anniversaries to: Mary R. – ph.# 352-465-4381 or email address: news@ncintergroup.com by the 25th of each month.

Attitude Group	
Pat D.....	35 yrs
Crystal River Group	
Jim H.....	33 yrs
Last Chance Group	
Kevin H.....	21 yrs
Kathy F.....	8 yrs
Women's Friendship Group	
Gloria D.....	31 yrs
Pat O.....	23 yrs

The final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands.

Anne Frank

Group Support 2005	Mar. 05	YTD
Attitude Adjustment Group	0.00	20.00
CATS Group	0.00	30.00
Crystal River Big Book Group	0.00	0.00
Crystal River Group	0.00	0.00
Floral City Group	40.00	40.00
High Noon Group	0.00	86.00
Holder Way of Life Group	0.00	50.00
Inverness Fri. Night Group	0.00	100.00
Inverness Mon. Night Group	0.00	0.00
Inverness Wed. at Noon Mtg.	0.00	0.00
It's in the Book Group	0.00	0.00
Keep In Step Group	0.00	0.00
Last Chance Group	0.00	30.00
Monday Night Men's Step	0.00	60.00
New Horizon Group	0.00	0.00
Red Eye Group	0.00	0.00
Resentment Group	0.00	0.00
Share at Noon Group	0.00	0.00
Wahoo Group	0.00	60.00
Wed. Inverness Step Group	0.00	50.00
Women's Friendship Group	0.00	40.00
Total	\$40.00	\$566.00

Step Four:

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

Step Four Prayer :

Dear God, It is I who has made my life a mess. I have done it, but I cannot undo it. My mistakes are mine and I will begin a searching & fearless moral inventory. I will write down my wrongs, but I will also include that which is good. I pray for the strength to complete the task.

Nature Coast Intergroup Meeting Highlights — SUNDAY, March 20, 2005 — 4:30 PM

Intergroup needs support from the groups' representatives. If your group does not have a representative, please elect one so that your group has a voice at the Intergroup Meetings.

- ❖ Chairperson Beverly called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- ❖ SECRETARY REPORT: Kevin read the minutes to the meeting of February 27th, 2004. Report accepted.
- ❖ TREASURER'S REPORT (Kathy F): Report of income and expenses for March 2005, was read by Kathy. Report accepted.
- ❖ V-CHAIRMAN REPORT AND ROLL CALL (Neil S.): Roll Call made.
- ❖ TRUSTEE'S REPORT: Ron nothing to report, Gayle, nothing to report.
- ❖ WEBMASTER REPORT: Ron received e-mails for meetings schedules. Business cards have been distributed.
- ❖ CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Bev requested roll call results which indicated there are 11 out of 30 present.
- ❖ NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE REPORT (Mary R): Not present. Beverly says Mary inadvertently put a last name in the Journal. Last names are not to be used in the Press.
- ❖ HOTLINE REPORT There were 113 calls this month; 7 for detox, several for meeting schedules and some referrals from prison. A new hotline listing was given to Bill for all of the 352 area code. Bill advised that the phone was off for 2 days due to technical malfunction. He feels we could use a new phone.
- ❖ ARCHIVE COMMITTEE: Not present.
- ❖ INVENTORY AND SALES: Beverly reported on inventory and sales which indicated a very good month with high volume considering it being a 3 week report. Good month !!
- ❖ OLD BUSINESS: Marilyn placed an ad in the Journal for starting an event. Business cards are in. Bi-Laws are to be updated and distributed. Beverly will e-mail to Kevin a copy of the updated Bi-Laws. Marilyn made a correction to the Journal: The District Workshop at the 1st Lutheran church, Inverness will be April 16th in lieu of March 26th, 2005.
- ❖ NEW BUSINESS: A new Hotline phone will be obtained. Bill will look into the best way to obtain a new phone; hopefully one can be obtained without charge. Vote passed to allow Bill authority for contracting a new phone with insurance.
- ❖ Meeting was closed at 5:15pm Kevin B., secretary
- ❖ Visit www.ncintergroup.com for complete minutes

AA DISTRICT 28 Meeting—Sunday, March 20, 2005

- ❖ Treasurer's Report—JOHN R.: Report accepted. See attached report.
- ❖ Secretary's Report - DON G.: Minutes accepted. Please update your phone numbers on the sign in sheet so that we can keep them updated.
- ❖ Grapevine - SHIRLEY M.: We sold a couple of subscriptions this month. Shirley is also asking groups to have a Group Grapevine Chair.
- ❖ Public Information - Janet B.: The District was invited to attend a 211 seminar at the Citrus Springs Recreation Center on March 17th. Citrus County is joining a nationwide phone service providing health related information. The PI Committee has filled out all the paperwork to have the AA Hotline number available through this service. Local cable companies are being contacted to see how much airtime they will allow for conference approved Public Service Announcements. Once we know this we can order the announcements from GSO in NY.
- ❖ CPC - Janet B.: All local and county wide agencies were visited this month and supplied with Where and Whens. The Driving Bureau requested double their normal allotment.
- ❖ Corrections - Beverly P. & Kathy G. (Women's): We continue to share the AA message at the Women's Correctional Facility. I would like to personally thank all of the women who have signed up to participate in this service. It has been brought to my attention that applications for badges are being given directly to John Tucker at the jail. Those wishing to serve should notify me or Kathy G. and applications will be processed. It has been noted that a member is going into the jail during times other than the scheduled days. A breach of procedure has been observed. We are permitted to chair AA meetings in the jail as long as the proper procedures are followed. For a list of Guidelines, please contact the Correction Chairs. (Men's) Jim K reported that two meetings were taken to the Citrus County Jail this month. Approximately 20 inmates were in attendance and many of them actively participated in the sharing session that followed. Assorted AA literature including the Nature Coast Intergroup cards were distributed to the inmates. The meetings went well and inmates conveyed their gratitude for the opportunity to attend AA.
- ❖ Treatment - Melissa C.: The clientele of Bay Care, Act II and Citrus Marion Mental Health are ordered to attend for 12-14 weeks. The centers permit a one time presentation per group. When the current groups rotate out District 28 will be in contact.
- Intergroup - Bev H.: New telephone will be ordered. 11 groups out of 30 represented. We now have a list of telephone numbers of Intergroups within the 352 area code available. This should help with the problem the Hotline has been having with the National Helpline.
- Literature: Bev H.: Very good month for sales. Good supply on hand. Materials approved by the District for Joe M were sent out to Iraq.

NEW BUSINESS: We need a volunteer to take over the Where and When changes. Kevin B. volunteered for this task. You can reach Kevin by Email (kevinbacon6451@yahoo.com) or call 628-7944. When any group is changing time or place, please contact Kevin and the HOTLINE at 621-0599. If you want a copy of what will be discussed at the next conference, Please let the DCM know and she will burn a copy of the CD Disc for you. DCM requested Email addresses of all GSRs or Alt GSRs so that she could setup a mailbox and send information between meetings to members. Motion made to move meeting to more central location. Motion denied as it wasn't seconded.

Meeting adjourned.

Next District Business Meeting: April 24, 2005