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NATURE COAST INTERGROUP

MEETS ON LAST
SUNDAY OF EACH
MONTH 4:30PM AT THE
COMMUNITY CENTER
IN HOLDER.

PLEASE GET INVOLVED!

WE NEED YOUR
SUPPORT.

DISTRICT 28
MONTHLY MEETING
FOLLOWS AT 6:00 P.M.

Local Event

June 10, 9:30am

**Founders' Day
Traditions
Workshop**

**Cosponsored by
District 28 and
Nature Coast
Intergroup**

**First Lutheran Church
Presenter: Chet P.
From Orlando**

Followed by fried chicken
and beverages
Bring covered dish
to share

Intergroup Office and Store Inches Closer To Reality

The Yana site, as a NCI office/store, was re-addressed. After much discussion a motion was made to use the site. Motion was seconded and passed by a majority of the NCI group represented. The ad-hoc committee was asked to make a full report at the April NCI business meeting concerning start up cost and arrangements with the Baptist Church.

~ Nature Coast Intergroup Meeting, March 26, 2006

Intergroup has at long last decided to pursue opening a real office for the first time in its eight year history. This is a dream finally come true. We have debated and pondered this issue for many a year. At our last Intergroup meeting Ed P., speaking on behalf of the ad hoc committee appointed to investigate the feasibility of opening an office/store space at the Yana Club, pointed out to Intergroup that problems of climate control, security, and access to the building electrical panel at the Yana Club were not insurmountable. We could provide a window mounted heating/cooling unit for the office space at minimal cost. We could purchase and/or build secured/locked storage space for literature and merchandise inside or adjacent to the office space. A privacy door could most likely be installed between the office space and the main meeting room that would remain unlocked to allow egress to and from the office in case of emergency. Any and all modifications/construction could be done by an already ample and able group of volunteers, many of whom who have done a great job with improvements

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Area Events

April 28-30

**Serenity Weekend
Women's Spring
Conference 2006
"A Spiritual Journey"**

Holiday Inn Town Center
1950 Glades Road
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Call Ann P. for info
(407) 876-4430

August 2-6

**50th Florida State
Convention**

Westin Innisbrook Resort
Palm Harbor, Fl
Hotel Registration:

www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=0507137110&key=1302

Register online:
<http://www.50flstateconv.com/index.asp>

National Events

May 18-21

**International
Sober-Over-Sixty
Conference**

Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort
Kailua-Kona, HI
Reservations:

(808) 322-3441
(800)688-7444

Info: (808) 329-0729
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District vs. Intergroup

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The other day someone asked me why we have an Intergroup and a District. Can't one do the job of both? No. Both have separate and unique responsibilities.

According to the A.A. Service Manual, Intergroups/Central Offices provide services for local A.A. groups and members. Some of these include receiving, arranging, and following up Twelfth Step calls, answering inquiries about A.A., establishing local public information committees, maintaining information about local hospitals and recovery facilities for alcoholics, publishing local A.A. meeting lists, providing a newsletter, and ordering, selling, and distributing A.A. conference approved literature. This is the only place Intergroups are mentioned and Intergroups are officially NOT part of the Service structure.

In Citrus County there originally was no Intergroup/Central Office. This isn't the case in most areas. Central Offices were formed before the service structure came into being. A District Committee was formed here to take on the above responsibilities. Prior to the formation of the Intergroup, District had only an outside answering service, no newsletter, no website, and no literature for sale. During the past few years the Intergroup has been taking over these functions as a way to "share the load".

Since Citrus County has a limited pool of those willing to be of service to either the Intergroup or District, we share responsibilities, and it works quite well. However, both entities are in need of volunteers. "Many hands make light work."

Service work is not only rewarding, but it can also be fun. Not a lot of time is required, and the feeling of satisfaction one gets from doing something to help others is fulfilling. We just feel better about ourselves by helping out. If you're thinking to yourself that this is a plea for volunteers, you are right! Please come to our once a month meetings to see how you can help.

"Service, gladly rendered, obligations squarely met, troubles well accepted or solved with God's help, the knowledge that at home or in the world outside we are partners in a common effort, the well-understood fact that in God's sight all human beings are important, the proof that love freely given surely

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April '06 Anniversaries

Group Secretaries, please call Ed P. at 422-0144 or email at news@ncintergroup.com before the 1st of each month with a list of month's anniversaries.

	<u>Years</u>
Crystal River Big Book Group	
Sherley M. (belated - March)	24
Crystal River Group	
Hank S.	27
Ken E.	23
Ken J.	17
Danny N.	14
Nick B.	10
Bill D.	4
Martha C.	3
Clint W.	2
Floral City Group	
Walter R.	31
Bruce B.	8
High Noon Group	
Mike M.	22
Ken	17
Rick C.	7
Martha C.	3
Chris G.	2
Dan Y.	2
Holder Way of Life Group	
Richie C.	22
George M.	19
Chris T.	17
Lori C.	2
Last Chance Group	
Kath F.	9
Lecanto Group	
Frank H.	19
Don Z.	3
Monday Night Men's Group	
Kevin H.	22

Keeping the Dream Alive

Reprinted from *NCJ*, March, 2003

A little over four and a half years ago Nature Coast Intergroup, with nothing more than a checkbook and a handful of willing volunteers set up shop. Not a shop in the traditional sense, with four walls and a roof, but a shop that operated out of the trunk of a car, a shop that used someone's living room phone to take orders, and a shop that utilized anyone's garage or spare bedroom for storage. Today the scenario is much the same.

The first year and a half was a real struggle to stay alive, solvent,

and find balance in their service. Today, utilizing fiscal common sense, NCI maintains their own website, prints a monthly newsletter, supports a 24hr hotline, sponsors social events, the Gratitude Dinner and workshops, and services the groups in District 28 with a full line of recovery inventory. That in itself is meritorious, but NCI has also done something else. They have not lost their dream of having a store.

A reserve account has been set aside, a \$2500.00 CD, so that when the opportunity presents it self the funds will be available. Volunteers continue to research their options and some day NCI will see their dream become a reality. The next time you are reviewing the monthly NCI financial statement look for that CD and know that the NCI volunteers are "keeping the dream alive".

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brings a full return, the certainty that we are no longer isolated and alone in self-constructed prisons, the surety that we need no longer be square pegs in round holes but can fit and belong in God's scheme of things -- these are the permanent and legitimate satisfactions of right living for which no amount of pomp and circumstance, no heap of material possessions, could possibly be substitutes." From *The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, page 129.

Intergroup meets at 4:30 PM and District meets at 6:00 PM on the last Sunday of the month in the Holder Community Center just north of the intersection of Hwy 491 and Hwy 41. We hope to see you there.

~ Ron B.

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to the Yana building and meeting room. Intergroup was urged not to pass up this opportunity. This would be our first real chance to get started even though the space would be small and the location not central to the county, but it would be a start, no less, and we would have to start somewhere. The motion was made that NCI accept First Baptist Church's offer to rent the office space for a nominal fee per month. The motion was seconded and passed by a majority of the voting Group Reps and Intergroup Officers that were present.

After the vote Intergroup members expressed concerns regarding initial start up costs and monthly expenses. It appeared that the initial start up costs would most likely not exceed \$1000. It was agreed that the committee would investigate further and return to Intergroup with a firm estimate at the April monthly Intergroup business meeting.

In the meantime, the ad hoc committee, consisting of Janet B., Sandy H., and Ed P., plans to meet with First Baptist Church representatives to ex-

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National Events

(continued:)

May 26-29

Daytona 16th Spring Conference

Plaza Ocean Club
604 N. Atlantic Ave
Daytona Beach, FL

Reservations:

(800) 874-7420

(386) 239-9800

Info: (407) 677-5365

email:leestapes@

viafamily.com

web:www.leestapesand
cds.com

Announcing Some Exciting Recovery Cruises

<http://www.meetingsenroute.com>

More Recover Cruises Sober Celebra- tions With Snow

<http://www.sobercelebrations.com>

Book Sale

In addition to the A.A conference-approved literature, Nature Coast Intergroup stocks a supply of some Hazelden books. We also have Grapevine Literature.

Call Beverly H. to order

Ph: 344-5939

TREASURER'S REPORT

26-Mar-06

Beginning Balance	3,754.07	
	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income		
Support - Individuals	15.00	48.60
Support - Groups	773.00	1303.00
Book Sales	562.54	1,724.31
Medallion Sales	75.20	127.88
Other Sales	37.09	173.35
Sales Tax Collected	40.49	121.56
Events	-	39.10
Miscellaneous	3.00	23.00
Total Income	1,506.32	3,560.80
Expenses		
Rent	-	-
Alltel	57.20	174.55
Books	887.83	2,206.11
Medallions	35.30	85.85
Recovery Items	-	9.00
Sales Tax Paid	-	87.36
Journal	55.63	167.72
Website (pd for yr in Oct)	-	-
Treasurer Expenses	-	39.00
Bank Fees	-	-
Misc. Expenses	-	75.00
FI Dept of State-Corp Filing	-	61.25
Transfer to Money Market	-	-
Total Expenses	1,035.96	2,903.84
Ending Checking Balance	4,224.43	
Reserved for Events	-751.02	
Available Funds	3,473.41	
Inventory Value	1,624.34	
Accounts Receivable	7.95	
Office Reserve Account(CD)	2,500.00	
Office Reserve Account(MM)	4,508.46	
Total Assets	12,865.18	
GROUP SUPPORT 2006		
	<u>YTD</u>	<u>March</u>
ABC Group	-	-
Attitude Adjustment Group	200.00	200.00
CATS Group	-	-
Citrus Springs Closed Step Gr	-	-
Crystal River Big Book Grp	-	-
Crystal River Group	500.00	500.00
Dunnellon Group	-	-
Early Birds Group	-	-
Floral City Group	10.00	-
Floral City Men's Group	-	-
Hernando Men's Group	-	-
High Noon Group	133.00	53.00
Holder Way of Life Group	50.00	-
Inverness Fri Night Group	100.00	-
Inverness Mon Night Group	-	-
Inverness Wed. at Noon Group	-	-
It's in the Book Group	20.00	-
Keep in Step Group	20.00	20.00
Last Chance Group	-	-
Lecanto Group	-	-
Mon. Night Men's Step Group	60.00	-
Never Too Early Group	-	-
New Beginnings Group	-	-
No Name Group	-	-
Quail Run Closed Step Group	-	-
Red Eye Group	-	-
Resentment Group	40.00	-
Share at Noon Group	100.00	-
Wahoo Group	-	-
Wed Inverness Step Group	-	-
What's the Book Say Group	-	-
Women's Friendship Group	70.00	-
Works For Me Group	-	-
YANA Group	-	-
Total	1,330.00	773.00

For Your Information

The Intergroup Telephone Hotline Report: 81 calls in March, 1 for detox, 2 rehab, 3 NA, 2 wet drunk, 2 Alanon, 5 for general problems, 55 Citrus County, and 10 other counties meeting information. Gail N. is the Hotline Chair.

The Nature Coast Intergroup Website is located at www.ncintergroup.com. Please note: Website features printable AA meeting schedules and directions/maps, and Nature Coast Intergroup and District 28 Meeting Minutes.

Important Intergroup Announcement

Alfred L. was unanimously voted as a new Trustee at the March 26 Nature Coast Intergroup meeting. Congratulations, Alfred.

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press Intergroup's interest and possible acceptance of their offer contingent upon written agreement and/or contract acceptable to both First Baptist Church and Nature Coast Intergroup. This agreement/contract, of course, will be subject to a vote of approval by Intergroup, hopefully at our April monthly meeting.

~ Intergroup Office Ad Hoc Committee

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

COPIES OF NATURE COAST JOURNAL ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AND DISTRIBUTION FOR ALL THE GROUPS

EARLY EACH MONTH FROM

TWO LOCATIONS:

EAST COUNTY

1ST LUTHERAN CHURCH, INVERNESS (FRIDAY BEGINNERS' MEETING 6:30 PM)

WEST COUNTY

SERENITY CLUB, ST. BENEDICT'S, CRYSTAL RIVER

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