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Carrying the message

May 2005

NATURE COAST INTERGROUP AND DISTRICT 28

meetings are held at the
Community Center in Holder
Sunday, May 29, 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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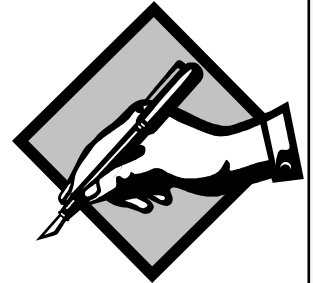
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Letter to the Editor:

There is an error in the "Letter to the Editor" in April NCJ. According to GSO Box 4-5-9 the answer should read: "A.A. meetings remain autonomous and are **not** involved in club operations or policy." When I first read this sentence with the word "not" missing, I was lead to believe that in the case of an AA Group paying rent out to a Club, the Group would have no problem asking for a financial statement or balance sheet from the Club. However, with the word "not" inserted in the sentence the opposite appears to be true. I have a problem with this, and I hope someone could help me out to understand the logic. To me the Club trustees are not "trusted servants" like our A.A. officers, trustees, chairpersons, and fellow members. This is not to imply that the Club trustees are not trustworthy, so please do not jump to the conclusion that anybody is being accused of dishonesty, but the Group should err on the side of cautiousness. I think the Group officers owe it to the Group to be good stewards of the Group's finances, especially if the Club has accumulated a substantial "war chest" from excess funds (profits) collected through the years. I therefore believe it to be prudent for the Group to request at least a yearly financial statement from the Club and to obtain in writing the purpose of any excess funds (profits) collected whether or not they are promised to be used for the benefit of the Group. The reason for conducting business in writing is that people's (especially alcoholic's) memories tend to fade over large or small periods of time. I go by the motto: "Trust, but verify".

Ed P.



District 28 Workshop

A heart felt thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the April 16th District 28 Workshop. Without your willingness to give back it would be impossible for these educational events to take place. It is encouraging to serve in a District where more than 1/6th of its members are willing to come out on a Saturday morning for a service workshop.

Yours In Love & Service, Marilyn B., D.C.M.

The disease of alcoholism knows no boundaries.
*Neither age, intelligence, willpower, or self-control prevents it.
We of Alcoholics Anonymous have discovered a way to live a life of
sobriety, free from our drinking problem. Let us share this gift with you.
Please call the Intergroup Hotline: (352) 621-0599 if you need help.*

HOTLINE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Call Bill F @ Ph#621-0599 or 422-0790 to volunteer. Thanks.

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49TH FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION

August 3-7, 2005 - Wed.-Sun.

Theme: *A New Freedom*

Wyndham Palace Resort & Spa, Orlando, FL

Reservations: (800) Wyndham

Online Registration: www.floridastateconvention.com

FYI: Marilyn B 212-6128

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/

May 14, 2005—Sat.
4th Annual Longtimers Dinner
5:30PM - 9:00PM

[Shady Hills Methodist Church](#)
Green Glen Lane in Shady Hills
Info: (352) 688-4105
(352) 688-4398/(352) 688-0531
Sponsored by District 13

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.

"NEW" NATURE COAST AA MEETINGS:

- ❖ **Never Too Early Group (OPEN)** — Thursdays — 8:00 pm — 147 NW 7th St (behind CR Police Station-Crystal River)
- ❖ **No Name Group (OPEN)** — Wednesdays — 7 pm — Handicap Accessible — Meeting Location: Chassahowitzka Vol. Fire Dept., 10300 S. Riviera Dr., Chassahowitzka, FL — Directions: Go Route 19 South to second signal after Cardinal St.; Turn right and go 1 mile on SR 480 West (Miss Maggie Dr.); Turn left on S. Riviera Dr. and go 1000 feet to Fire Dept. on the right; Park on gravel parking area to the left of the Fire Dept.; Walk to the meeting hall through side entrance near parking area.

ALL Group Meeting changes — please notify: 1) **HOTLINE** — ph#621-0599; 2) **Webmaster Ron B** — www.ncintergroup.com; 3) **Where and When** Chairperson, Kevin B — ph# 628-7944.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Treasurer's Report for April Not Available for April 2005 at Press Time

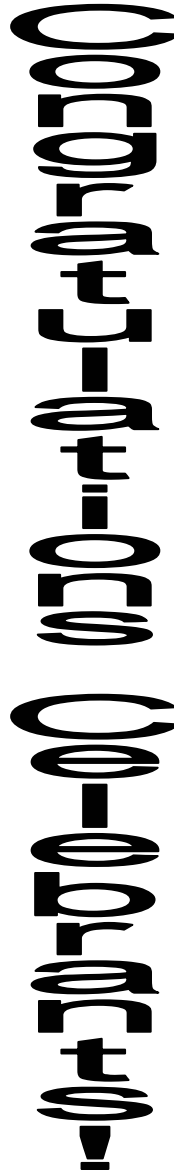
A Local AA Member Shares

Here is the quote from my grandfather's AA talk. He was an AA member in the Cleveland, OH area in the early 1940's and knew the founders. He died sober when I was 19. My aunt sent me the original typewritten talk when I first came into the program. Although I never got to discuss our mutual disease with him, I feel close to him when I read his words of wisdom. Sue E.

"...I am honestly convinced that the ease with which I conquered my problem was due to resurrecting that Spirit within me--recognizing it and using it. I feel convinced that I won't have difficulty with my old problem as long as I maintain harmony between my inner and outer self. And should I slip...it will be [from] laying the tools aside and forgetting to stay in tune with the Infinite--that power which has no limit--through that Spirit which is within me. I am convinced that we must grow from the inside. After all, isn't all growth from the inside? Look at a tree or plant, or any other growing thing. Nature works from the inside with the same creative power that is within us."
Elmer E.

Thank you, Sue E. for sharing this with us.

Group Support 2005	Apr. 05	YTD
Attitude Adjustment Group	0.00	20.00
CATS Group	30.00	60.00
Crystal River Big Book Group	75.00	75.00
Crystal River Group	0.00	0.00
Floral City Group	0.00	40.00
High Noon Group	70.00	156.00
Holder Way of Life Group	50.00	100.00
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	35.00	65.00
Lecanto Group	25.00	25.00
Monday Night Men's Step	0.00	60.00
New Horizon Group	50.00	50.00
Red Eye Group	0.00	0.00
Resentment Group	0.00	0.00
Share at Noon Group	100.00	100.00
Wahoo Group	0.00	60.00
Wed. Inverness Step Group	0.00	50.00
Women's Friendship Group	0.00	40.00
Total	\$435.00	\$1001.00



*Only two things you have to do to become an "old-timer:"
Don't drink and Don't die!*
☺

May
2005
Anniversaries



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

Crystal River Big Book Group	
Bradley S	22 yrs
"Doc"	15 yrs
Steve Y	1 yr
Debra B.....	1 yr
Crystal River Group	
Ted S.....	11 yrs
Bill B	3 yrs
Autumn B.....	2 yrs
David A.....	1 yr
Last Chance Group	
Jim Y.....	19 yrs
Wednesday Night Step Group	
Mary D.....	15 yrs
Women's Friendship Group	
Robie M	32 yrs
Laura	26 yrs
Marilyn N	24 yrs
Frani B.....	23 yrs
Shirley W	18 yrs
Nancy B.....	15 yrs

Step Five:
Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Step Five Prayer:
Higher Power, my inventory has shown me who I am, yet I ask for your help in admitting my wrongs to another person and to you. Assure me, and be with me, in this Step, for without this Step I cannot progress in my recovery. With your help, I can do this and I will do it.

Tradition Five:
Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Nature Coast Intergroup Meeting Highlights — SUNDAY, April 24, 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.

ATTENDED: Marilyn B, John R, Jim K, Shirley J, Hank S, Beverly H, Don G, Gayle W, Ron B, Sandy H, Sherrie L, Bill F, Warren S, Neil S, Ken P, Johnny, David A, Kathy F, Janet B, Ed P, Frank S, Mary R, Thomas N and Kevin B. 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.

- ❖ **V-CHAIRMAN REPORT AND ROLL CALL** (Neil S.): Roll Call made by Neil. Dave is the rep for the Never Too Early Group. 12 Groups are represented. .
- ❖ **SECRETARY REPORT:** Kevin read the minutes to the meeting of March 20th, 2004. Report accepted.
- ❖ **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Kathy F): Kathy passed out the report indicating March, it should have read April. Report corrected. Report of income and expenses for April 2005, was read by Kathy. Report accepted.
- ❖ **TRUSTEE'S REPORT:** Gayle would like to submit some changes to the by-laws. Request to amend article 5 to read by a quorum of all Intergroup Officers present. Request to amend Article Six to coincide with Area 14 elections. Request to add a new Article as 16, to require a foot note be added in brackets to amended By-Laws. Requested changes will be posted in the Journal. There will be a notice in Journal for new reps to come to the next NCI meeting to pick up a copy of the existing By-Laws. Copies will be distributed via E-mail and snail mail to those reps on file. **SEE BELOW*
- ❖ **WEBMASTER REPORT:** Ron said it was quiet. There is an up and coming web site by Hernando County.
- ❖ **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:** Bev requested that last names should not be on any printed materials. This pertains to Minutes as well.
- ❖ **NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE REPORT** (Mary R): Journal preview is being sent around room for any editing necessary. Last names will be left off of all material.
- ❖ **HOTLINE REPORT** There were 107 calls this month; Bev apologized for the Hotline being down for 5 days. A New (by Alltel) hotline phone and contract was obtained by Bill. Bev wants a workshop for the Hotline. She would like to see the call forwarding feature being used when necessary. NA has established a hotline. We will look into combining the work shop effort.
- ❖ **ARCHIVE COMMITTEE:** Not present.
- ❖ **INVENTORY AND SALES:** Beverly reported on inventory and sales as good month.
- ❖ **OLD BUSINESS:** Ron printed up the list of hotline associated phone numbers. Bill said it is very helpful and very accurate.
- ❖ **NEW BUSINESS:** General announcement: Please advise Kevin of any changes to group meetings as well as notifying the Hotline and Web-site.

Meeting was closed at 5:30pm with the Lords Prayer

Kevin B., secretary

- ❖ Visit www.ncintergroup.com for complete minutes

***Articles to be considered for changes. All Intergroup Reps please plan to attend the May 29th Intergroup Meeting to pick up your group's copy of the By-laws.**

Article Three: Membership—All AA groups in the area can be members if they so desire. Each group shall notify Intergroup in writing ***or vocally*** as to who the representative and alternate are, together with their address and telephone number. No proxy votes shall be accepted according to AA tradition.

Article Five: Meetings—Intergroup Officers, together with Intergroup Representatives, will meet monthly. The January meeting will be the Annual Meeting. Workshop meetings may be called by the officers, as needed. Minutes shall be kept of all meetings, read at the following monthly meeting, and posted on the office bulletin board. Any AA member may attend any Intergroup meeting. **A quorum of all Intergroup Officers shall consist of those Officers present. The group Representatives quorum shall be those Representatives present.**

Article Six: Elections—At the Second Annual Meeting, Intergroup Officers shall submit a suggested list of nominees for Intergroup Officers for the next two years (plus vacancies) and their names will be place in nomination. Nominations from the floor will be in-order. Each member group shall have one vote, and those receiving the most votes will be elected. Ties will be resolved by a second or further ballot(s). **Officers and Trustees elections shall coincide with Area 14 elections. Nominations of Officers and Trustees shall be submitted one month prior to the election month and published in the Nature Coast Intergroup monthly newsletter. Additional nominations may be submitted the day of the elections. New Officers and Trustees terms will begin at the January annual meeting following the elections.**

NEW ARTICLE: Article Sixteen: When an Article is amended a footnote will be added, in brackets, to the original Article referring to amendment number, ie, [see amendment...fill in number].

AA DISTRICT 28 Meeting—Sunday, April 24, 2005

NOT AVAILABLE

Area 14 July Assembly dates have been changed to: July 22-24, Paramount Resort, Gainesville

Next District Business Meeting: May 29, 2005