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Carrying the message

September 2005

NATURE COAST INTERGROUP AND DISTRICT 28

meetings are held at the Community Center in Holder

Next meetings:

Sunday, Sept. 25, 2005

INTERGROUP...4:30 PM

THIS IS YOUR INTERGROUP – YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED.

DISTRICT...6 PM

Come get involved!

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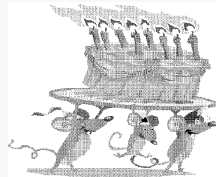
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Wahoo Group 22nd Anniversary Covered Dish Picnic



Sunday, September 18, 2005

Eat at 1:00 PM—3:00 PM Speaker Meeting

WHERE: DeSoto Historic Site – Route 48—Between Floral City and Bushnell

Hot dogs, Beverages and Cake Supplied— Covered Dish will be appreciated!

50/50 Raffle and other games ☺ Fun For The Whole Family



From Beverly H.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, which is west of New Orleans and inland, and was not so badly hit by hurricane Katrina and its aftermath, is coordinating efforts to help AA people in the areas which have suffered so much destruction. Passed on to me by Meri R., the Northern Indiana Area 22 delegate.

I received this E-mail from Bob S in Richmond Ind. I verified the address for Baton Rouge Central Office on the Louisiana Website. Good Luck and God Bless!

Subject: Help for AA Katrina victims

Hello from Baton Rouge AA Central Office. We are desperately seeking donations to purchase AA Big Books and 12x12s to bring to the shelters here, not only in Baton Rouge, which are filled to capacity, but to the other areas we service that have set up shelters. If you would like to make a monetary contribution, the soft cover Big Books are \$6 with tax and the soft cover 12x12's are \$6.50 with tax. I will put you a return receipt in the mail. Thanks to the generosity of the AA community all over the United States. We have had calls from California, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Florida, Maryland and areas in our precious state that have power, to offer their homes to fellow AA members, to offer literature, AA meetings, clothes, their time, you name it! Thanks Bill and Dr. Bob and all our friends for the hand of AA that know no boundaries!

You may reach us at 225-924-0030 during the weekend. We have real AA people answering the phones, but if you can't reach us, *our phones are tied up with many important calls*, keep trying or should I say *trudging!*

Our address is: Baton Rouge AA Central Office, 8312 Florida Blvd. Suite 213-A, Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Again, words cannot express our thanks to each and every one of you!

Joy

FROM: Henry (Hank) S., Delegate Area 56, Panel 54 Southwest Ohio—Email:www.aaarea56.org



CHEERS

"I solved my drinking problem. I joined Alcoholics Anonymous. I still drink, but I use a different name.

RODNEY DANGERFIELD

It's Not East Being Me (Harper-Collins)

"when you stop drinking, you have to deal with this marvelous personality that started you drinking in the first place."



JIMMY BRESLIN

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UPCOMING EVENTS

National/International Events

**Sept 16-18, 2005
Serenity Weekend
Women's Fall Conference**

Cocoa Beach Oceanfront Resort
1300 N. Atlantic Ave
Cocoa Beach, FL
Call: (321) 783-2271
Limited to first 500

**Oct 20-23, 2005
The Home Group, Heart-
beat of AA, 61st South-
eastern Conf & 52nd
Georgia State Convention**

Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Rav-
inia
4355 Ashford Dunwoody Rd
Atlanta, Ga
Reservations: (707) 395-7700
Info: (478) 745-2588

**Sept 22-25, 2005
Fall Mountain Housecleaning
Spiritual Retreat
Hinton Rural Life Center
Hayesville, NC**

Reservations:
Fall Mountain Retreat
9638 Barnside Place
Tampa, FL 33635
(813)-884-3814
email: rsunshine1125@aol.com



Books for Sale

In addition to the A.A. conference-approved literature, Nature Coast Inter-
group also carries a supply of some *Hazel-
den books*.

We also have Grapevine Literature.

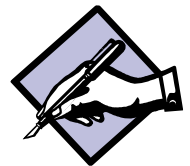
**NEW AA ITEMS: Large Print of the following:
As Bill Sees It; Came to Believe; Living Sober**

Call Beverly H. to order — Ph: 344-5939

From the desk of the Editor

AA articles and/or thoughts
that you would like featured
in the newsletter are wel-
comed to be submitted to

Mary R, editor, *Nature
Coast Journal*.



Please contact Mary at:

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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: Ph#621-0599

ALL Group Meeting changes — please notify:

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"CHANGES" NATURE COAST AA MEETINGS:

- ❖ **Early Bird Group**: 8:00 AM Daily— Serenity Club—
St Benedict's Church—Crystal River
Tuesday-Open Step Study— Thursday-Big Book—
Saturday-Beginner's Meeting—3rd Sat Speaker
- ❖ **CATS Women's Group—Inverness—6:00 PM**
Thursday—**Suspended Until Further Notice**

ATTENTION: AA FELLOWSHIP MEMBERS

Anyone interested in chairing a Nature Coast Inter-
group sponsored event needs to do the following:
Come to the monthly NCI Business Meeting with
your proposal. You will be asked to provide the
date and location of the event, along with a pro-
posed budget. Event proposals are discussed and
voted on by the officers and NCI Group Represent-
atives.



Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance.
Every morning when I open my eyes, I tell myself that it is special.
Every day, every minute, every breath truly is a gift.

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

SUNDAY, August 28th, 2005 - 4:30 PM

ATTENDED: Marilyn B., Jim K., Beverly H., Don G., George M., Ron B., Tony T., Richard T., Paul T., Sandy H., Ed P., Mary D., Pam T., Sheila S., Sandy T., Skip S., Warren S., Ken P., 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.): Neil was absent: Beverly made the Roll Call. 10 Groups are represented.
- ❖ **SECRETARY REPORT:** Kevin read the minutes to the meeting of July 31st, 2005. Report accepted.
- ❖ **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Kathy F): Kathy was absent. Beverly read the report. Best income yet.
- ❖ **TRUSTEE'S REPORT:** Ron has nothing to report.
- ❖ **WEBMASTER REPORT:** Ron received 2 more requests from pharmaceutical company for placement in our web site. Requests ignored. Website is up-to-date with all changes.
- ❖ **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:** Explained the receipt of \$2,000 from the 49th State Convention as a result of involvement by Citrus County AAs during the past year.
- ❖ **NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE REPORT** (Mary R): Mary was absent.
- ❖ **HOTLINE REPORT:** Frank was not present, but submitted this report: 86 calls as of Friday 6 PM - 68 AA; 13 other; 6 wet; 2 detox; 3 meetings; 1 - wife talked him out of going to detox; 1 - wanting someone to drink with, prefer a man
"Thanks for entrusting me with the hotline. It will be well managed and productive. My #1 decision was to give the phone to Rick, who did a fine job of reorganizing our resource book. I had it for about 10 days to reorient myself and to tweak things. I look forward to working with those who will make it their top priority while they serve. Guidelines have been made - will be improved as the need arises."
- ❖ **INVENTORY AND SALES:** Beverly reported on inventory and sales were slow this month.
- ❖ **OLD BUSINESS: Gratitude Dinner will be on November 20th, 2005, Sunday @ 3:00pm at Our Lady of Fatima in Inverness.** The dinner will be "Pot Luck". Main entrée will be Roast Beef.
- ❖ Sign-up sheets for 12-Step work were to be brought in today - only one presented. Remainder due in by September meeting. Kevin did not follow up on the missing Chronicle ad - will do so this month.
- ❖ **NEW BUSINESS:** Toni will have a meeting for Gratitude Dinner volunteers Sept 11th @ 3pm at the Serenity Club. Speaker is chosen and arrangements will be made. Marilyn volunteered to help with budget outline. Kathy will go shopping for the Gratitude Dinner supplies on the Friday before the event. Beverly will ordering the gift for the speaker. Tickets will be available in mid September. Preparation for the Gratitude Dinner will be quite different this year as the costs will increase. Kitchen facilities are no longer available as well as the related conveniences we had become use to. Storage arrangements for supplies were made. Kevin will create the flyers and Gratitude Dinner Tickets. Vote was passed to put the \$2,000.00 from the convention in Money Market for future office space. December meeting will be on the 18th, in lieu of the last Sunday of that month.

Meeting was closed at 5:45pm with the *Lord's Prayer*

Kevin B., Secretary, Nature Coast Intergroup

Visit www.ncintergroup.com for more information.

Hurricane Katrina – "How Can We Help?"

The General Service Office has been flooded with questions about how to help our A.A. family in distressed areas. We hope the following questions and answers are helpful.

Q. Do you suggest that we send literature and money directly?

A. In situations such as Hurricane Katrina, the local A.A. meetings often require very few contributions of money or even complimentary literature. Usually, local A.A. members are proud and happy to work together to replace any lost literature, etc. Local groups often make whatever repairs are necessary to their meeting places and are grateful to do this work with other sober members of their A.A. community.

Many of the affected areas do not have mail delivery. Our experience is that A.A. members in the past have helped as private citizens through relief organizations.

Q. What can I do to help the affected members, groups, central offices/intergroups?

A. G.S.O.'s experience shows that it is often difficult to imagine what is needed. We pray, we don't drink and we go to meetings so that we will be ready to respond to requests for help when they are received.

Q. What does G.S.O. plan to do to help those affected by Hurricane Katrina?

A. Just as in the past, the General Service Office is ready to support the efforts of local A.A. members in all types of disasters, Hurricane Katrina, fires, floods, mud slides, etc. G.S.O.'s experience is that we are often called upon to replace lost literature on a complimentary basis. We wait to do this until the local conditions are stabilized and local A.A. members have an opportunity to let us know exactly what is needed.

Q. So exactly what is the General Service Office doing right now?

A. G.S.O. has contacted and offered their support to intergroups and central offices in cities and towns where thousands of evacuees will be living for the next few months.

Q. Can I send money to G.S.O. and specify that it be used for Hurricane Katrina Relief activities?

A. The General Service Office does not have the means or staff to earmark A.A. funds that are received at this office. Every A.A. dollar received at G.S.O. is used on a priority basis to carry A.A.'s message when a need is expressed. This includes responding to literature needs during natural disasters, translating literature for A.A. members in emerging countries and helping new A.A. groups in U.S. and Canada.