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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.

The October 29th meeting
will start 1/2 hour earlier at
4:00 PM. Main item of
business will be Elections
of all Officers and
3 Trustees. Nominations
from the floor will be
accepted that day. It will be
followed by District 28's
Delegate report and Pizza at
5:00 PM.

Reminders:

November meeting will be
on the 19th at 4:30 PM

December meeting will be
on the 17th at 4:30 PM

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October Elections

Intergroup Officers & Trustees elections will be held on **October 29, 2006**. Nominations may be submitted up to the day of the elections. New Officers & Trustees terms will begin at the January annual meeting following the elections.

Intergroup Officers shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Alt. Secretary and Treasurer. Officers shall be elected for a term of two years, none serving in that capacity for longer than four consecutive years. All Intergroup Officers must have at least two years continuous sobriety.

Three Trustee positions will need to be filled as well: one for 1 year term only; two for 2 year terms. A minimum of two years of continuous sobriety shall be required for nomination to the Board of Trustees.

Tradition Nine

"A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve."

AA does need some degree of organization. If everyone thinks somebody else is going to make the coffee, what's the result? No coffee! To avoid such a disaster, one or more members agree to be responsible for preparing meeting refreshments. All the way from coffee-brewers to trustees on the General Service Board, those who take part in A.A. service work are assuming responsibility – not taking authority. (Here, Traditions Two and Nine interlock.) Group officers are responsible to the members of the group; intergroup committees, to the groups in one locality; institutions committees, to A.A. groups in treatment facilities and correctional facilities; area committees, to all groups in their areas; Conference delegates and committees, to all groups in the U.S. and Canada; the General Service Office and Board and the board's committees, to all groups and members everywhere.

The Twelve Traditions Illustrated

**"We choose our joys and sorrows long before we experience them."
- Kahlil Gibran**

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Area Events

October 13-15

Area Assembly

Phone: (352) 377-4000.
Paramount Resort and
Conference Center
Gainesville, FL
(877)992-9229

There is a 30 day cut-off for registration at the hotel. Make reservations early.

October 22

Intergroup 17

Annual Picnic at the Ocala Boat Basin

10AM - ???
BBQ at 1PM

Ray Wayside Pavilion on SR40 just west of the bridge at the Ocklawaha River.

November 3-5

36th Gulf Coast Roundup

Ramada Plaza Beach Resort
1500 Miracle Strip Pkwy
Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548
Reservations:
(800) 447-0010
use GULF COAST ROUNDUP

November 4

Pinellas County Intergroup

Gratitude Dinner "Back to Basics"

The Hospice Community Center
3050 1st Ave South
St Petersburg
Doors open 5:30 PM
Dinner at 6:00 PM
Speaker at 8:00 PM
\$5.00 Potluck

November 18

Hernando County 24th Annual Gratitude Dinner

Jerome Brown
Community Center
301 Darby Lane,
Brooksville

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What AA Cannot Do

AA cannot drag you kicking and screaming into believing...ultimately that choice will remain with you.

AA cannot make all the bad things in your world...disappear...but it can and will teach you how to live with the way things are.

AA cannot make the past go away...but it can help you accept that it is over and gone.

AA cannot make you rich or successful...that will be up to you as a sober, capable individual who will need to define what success is for you.

AA will not tie your hands...you will be able to reach for the first one....or choose to wave it away.

AA will not be your captor, or jailer or warden...but it can and will be your future and hope and potential.

AA cannot and should never be a replacement for faith...in your higher power of choice and in...yourself.

Anniversaries

October 2006

To post your group's anniversaries ask your Group Secretary to contact Ed P. at 422-0144 or send email to news @ncintergroup.com prior to the first of each month.

	Years
Attitude Adjustment Group	
Paula R.	1
Floral City Group	
Beverly H.	30
Rick U.	13
Holder Way of Life Group	
Paige B.	19
Ray C.	16
Brian W.	13
Sam K.	10
Mark G.	1
Shirley G.	1
No Name Group	
Ken	28
Women's Friendship Group	
RoseAnn M.	29
Carol S.	3
Mary R.	1

What is AA?

AA is a Spirit. It cannot be touched, nor can it be completely understood. It is as wide as the world, yet small enough to fit snugly inside the hearts of women and men. It has brought light where only darkness dwelt. It has given hope to the hopeless and help to those who yearned in despair. It has nourished forgiveness in those who know no pity. It has given strength to the weak, and humility to the strong. It has spurred to higher goals those that strove for nothing. It has taught patience to the hurried and action to the lazy. To youth it has given vision and the aged, promise. To the lonely, companions, and the restless, rest. To the sick it has been a doctor, and to the dying it has revived the desire to live. It has no judgement against the untouchables, nor has it praise for those who learn. To the outcast it has been a family, and to the childless, it has given children. To the ignorant, wisdom, and to the wise, tolerance. It has given to all men and women that which is most precious. It has given a love for truth with enough left over to share.

(Author Anonymous)

(Transcribed from Placard donated to Serenity Club by Tennessee of Leesburg)

Ourselves

From "Getting out of the 'if' trap:"

"We have to stay sober no matter how life treats us, no matter whether nonalcoholics appreciate our sobriety or not. We have to keep our sobriety independent of everything else, not entangled with any people, and not hedged in by any possible cop-outs or conditions. "Over and over, we have found we cannot stay sober long just for the sake of wife, husband, children, lover, parents, other relative, or friend, nor for the sake of a job, nor to please a boss (or doctor or judge or creditor) -- not for ANYONE other than ourselves.

c. 1975, Living Sober, page 64

An Alcoholic's Prayer for Tolerance

God grant me the serenity to accept my condition gracefully and humbly, grant me also the ability to absorb the teachings of those who are, by their past experience, trying to help me. Teach me to be grateful for their help. Guide me, oh God, in the path of tolerance and understanding of my fellow man, guide me away from the path of criticism, intolerance, jealousy and envy of my fellow. Let me not prejudge, let me not become a moralist, keep my tongue and thoughts from malicious idle gossip. Help me to grow in stature spiritually, mentally, and morally. Grant me that greatest of all boons, that of being able to help my fellow sufferer in his search out of the morass that has encompassed him. Above all, help me to be not too critical and impatient with myself.

*Ernie of Ravenswood Chicago, Illinois
An article from the Grapevine Digital Archive, September 1950*

No Difficulty Big Enough

"There is no difficulty that enough love will not conquer, no disease that enough love will not heal, no door that enough love will not bridge, no wall that enough love will not throw down, no sin that enough love will not redeem..."

It makes no difference how deeply seated may be the trouble, how hopeless the outlook, how muddled the tangle, how great the mistake. A sufficient realization of love will dissolve it all.

If only you could love enough, you could be the happiest and most powerful being in the world..."

~Emmet Fox~

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Pizza and
Speaker Meeting
1st Thursday
each month
Never Too Early
Group, 8pm
Yana Club
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NEW MEETINGS :

New Women's Meeting — Thursday at 6:00pm
and
Bright Spot Meeting — Friday at 7:00pm
**At the YANA Club, 147 NW 7th Street Off US 19, one block north of Citrus Ave.
Behind CR Police Station**

Events (Continued from page 2)

Feb 8-11, 2007 2007 Spacecoast Roundup

Holiday Inn Oceanfront
1300 N. Atlantic Ave (A1A)
Cocoa Beach, FL
Hotel Registration:
(800) 206-2747
(321) 783-2271
use code (SCRU)
Information:
www.aaspacecoast.org
intergroup@aaspacecoast.org
(321) 724-2247 or
(321) 633-0052

National Events

November 3-5 9th Gratitude Weekend

Holiday Inn Beach Resort
200 Beachview Dr
Jekyll Island, Ga
Holiday Inn Reservations:
(808) 753-5955
(912) 635-3311
Reserve by October 3
Registration \$30
\$35 at Door
Information:
(FUN)677-6037
email: fwb34@bellsouth.net
web: www.jekyllislandaa.com

December 1-3 2006 Southeast Regional Forum With our U.S./Canada General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous

The Westin Atlanta North
7 Concourse Parkway
Atlanta, Georgia 30328
Rate: \$99 plus tax
(770)395-3900
Registration is Free!
Fill-Out Form
Available from G.S.O.
(212)870-3400

Feb 15-18, 2007 43rd International Women's Conference

Detroit Marriott
Renaissance Center
Detroit, MI 48243
Reservations:
(800) 266-9432
online: www.marriott.com

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>		24-Sep-06
Beginning Balance	5,221.41	
	<u>September</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Support - Individuals	23.00	147.49
Support - Groups	-	2,518.50
Book Sales	633.00	4,439.44
Medallion Sales	10.60	330.42
Other Sales	12.00	441.94
Sales Tax Collected	39.35	312.84
Events	-	465.10
Miscellaneous	14.08	17.08
Total Income	732.03	8,672.81
<u>Expenses</u>		
Rent	63.60	63.60
Alltel	55.75	513.74
Books	497.88	4,691.54
Medallions	-	291.55
Recovery Items	36.55	153.29
Sales Tax Paid	-	317.79
Journal	56.06	504.03
Website (pd for yr in Oct)	-	-
Treasurer Expenses	-	39.00
Bank Fees	-	-
Events	-	261.89
Miscellaneous	-	160.25
Total Expenses	709.84	6,996.68
Ending Checking Balance	5,243.60	
Reserved for Events	(970.13)	
Available Funds	4,273.47	
Inventory Value	1,665.95	
Accounts Receivable	6.36	
Reserved for Office (CD)	2,584.00	
Reserved for Office (MM)	4,513.98	
Total Assets	14,013.89	
<u>GROUP SUPPORT 2006</u>		
	<u>YTD</u>	<u>September</u>
ABC Group	25.00	-
Attitude Adjustment Group	200.00	-
CATS Group	-	-
Citrus Springs Closed Step Grp	-	-
Crystal River Big Book Grp	175.00	-
Crystal River Group	500.00	-
Dunnellon Group	-	-
Early Birds Group	-	-
Floral City Group	37.50	-
Floral City Men's Group	-	-
Hernando Men's Group	-	-
High Noon Group	281.00	-
Holder Way of Life Group	200.00	-
Inverness Fri Night Group	200.00	-
Inverness Mon Night Group	225.00	-
Inverness Wed Night Step Grp	50.00	-
It's in the Book Group	40.00	-
Keep in Step Group	20.00	-
Last Chance Group	25.00	-
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	250.00	-
Wahoo Group	50.00	-
What's the Book Say Group	-	-
Women's Friendship Group	140.00	-
Works For Me Group	-	-
YANA Group	-	-
Total	2,518.50	-

Webmaster Needed

To maintain Nature Coast Intergroup Website

(<http://www.ncintergroup.com>)

Our current webmaster is resigning as of Jan 2007 and we need someone to take over maintaining and updating our website. This is a volunteer position. Knowledge of html is essential and a working understanding of CSS and ftp protocol is desired. (Some training will be provided). Dreamweaver or Front Page skills are helpful. If you feel you are qualified for this position please contact Ron B. at 489-7216 or email webmaster@ncintergroup.com or contact Beverly H. (Intergroup Chair) at 344-5939.

For Your Information

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.

Intergroup Telephone Hotline chair Gail N.'s August Hotline Report: 41 calls total: 25 AA info, 1 wet drunk, 4 NA, 5 Alanon, 6 info for other areas.

Book Sales

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

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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,

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