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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.

Reminder:

November meeting on 19th
December meeting on 17th

Local Events

November 5

**AA GRATITUDE
Roast Beef Dinner
with covered dishes**

Vineyards Church
960 S. US 41
Inverness

Doors Open 1:30pm
Dinner 2:30—Speaker 3:30

Area Events

January 12-14, 2007

Area Assembly

Phone: (352) 377-4000.
Paramount Resort and

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INTERGROUP ELECTION RESULTS

29-Oct-06

Chairperson	Toni T.
Vice-Chairperson	Martha
Secretary	Open
Alt. Secretary	Open
Treasurer	Susan
Trustee (1 year)	Rock
Trustee (2 years)	Neal
Trustee (2 years)	Rick T.

Nominations for Secretary and Alt. Secretary will remain open until November 19. If interested in running, please contact Beverly or attend the next Intergroup meeting on November 19.

Came To Believe

“It was only a matter of being willing to believe in a Power greater than myself. Nothing more was required of me to make a beginning. I saw that growth could start from that point! Upon a *foundation of complete willingness* I might build what I saw in my friend. Would I have it? Of course I would!”

“Bill’s Story” - *Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 12

Faith Is Dead Without Works

“My friend had emphasized the absolute necessity of demonstrating these principles in all my affairs. Particularly was it imperative to work with others as he had worked with me. Faith without works was dead, he said. And how appallingly true for the alcoholic! For if an alcoholic failed to perfect and enlarge his spiritual life through work and self-sacrifice for others, he could not survive the certain trials and low spots ahead. If he did not work, he would surely drink again, and if he drank, he would surely die. Then faith would be dead indeed. With us it is like that.”

“Bill’s Story” - *Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 14-15

Carry The Message

“The Lord has been so wonderful to me, curing me of this terrible disease, that I just want to keep telling people about it.”

“Alcoholics Anonymous Number Three” — *Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 191

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Events (Continued from page 1)

Conference Center
Gainesville, FL
(877)992-9229

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

**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

**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

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Children of Chaos

Over the years, every conceivable deviation from our Twelve Steps and Traditions has been tried. That was sure to be, since we are so largely a band of ego-driven individuals. Children of chaos, we have defiantly played with every brand of fire, only to emerge unharmed and, we think, wiser. These very deviations created a vast process of trial and error which, under the grace of God, has brought us to where we stand today.

c. 1953 AAWS, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p. 146 With permission, Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

Thought to Ponder . . .

The Twelve Steps tell us how it works; the Twelve Traditions tell us why it works.

AA-related 'Alconym' . . .

C H A O S = Can't Handle Another Overwhelming Situation

Traditions

“The Twelve Traditions point straight at many of our individual defects. By implication they ask each of us to lay aside pride and resentment. They ask for personal as well as group sacrifice. They ask us never to use the AA name in any quest for personal power or distinction or money. The Traditions guarantee the equality of all members and the independence of all groups. They show how we may best relate to each other and to the world outside. They indicate how we can best function in harmony as a great whole.”

c.1957AAWS, Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, p. 96

Anniversaries

November 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.

	<u>Yrs</u>
Floral City Group	
Darral	2
Shannon	1
Hernando Men's Group	
Mike S.	14
Holder Way of Life Grp	
Tish O.	24
Joan B.	23
Charlie W.	22
Danny N.	4
Thomas M.	2
Last Chance Group	
Connie D.	23
Women's Friendship Grp	
Rose Ann N.	29
Joanne N.	15
Sharon B.	9
Mary R.	1

Imaginary Perfections

We scarcely need be reminded that excessive guilt or rebellion leads to spiritual poverty. But it was a very long time before we knew we could go even more broke on spiritual pride. When we early AA's got our first glimmer of how spiritually prideful we could be, we coined this expression: "Don't try to get too damned good by Thursday!" That old-time admonition may look like another of those handy alibis that can excuse us from trying our best. Yet a closer view reveals just the contrary. This is our AA way of warning against pride-blindness, and the imaginary perfections that we do not possess.

Bill W., June 1961 c. 1988 The AA Grapevine, Inc., *The Language of the Heart*, p. 255

From "When A.A. Came of Age":

“There came next to the lectern [at the 1955 Convention] a figure that not many A.A.'s had seen before, the Episcopal clergyman Sam Shoemaker. It was from him that Dr. Bob and I [Bill W.] in the beginning had absorbed most of the principles that were afterward embodied in the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, steps that express the heart of A.A.'s way of life. Dr. Silkworth gave us the needed knowledge of our illness, but Sam Shoemaker had given us the concrete knowledge of what we could do about it. One showed us the mysteries of the lock that held us in prison; the other passed on the spiritual keys by which we were liberated.”

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HIGH NOON THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

**Serenity Club
St. Benedict's
2:00pm to 6:00pm
Bring a covered dish
Turkey & Ham
Sodas & Coffee
Provided**

Notice

Last Chance Group will not meet Sunday, December 24. at 7:30pm. Meeting will be held at Holder Community Center conjunction with the alkathon.

NEW MEETING :

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

Hot Line Chairperson Needed

Intergroup is in need of a person to chair the Hot Line Committee. Volunteers are also needed to carry the cell phone and direct calls. An updated 12 Step List is being prepared. If you are willing to handle a wet drunk call, or talk on the phone with alcoholics or their families, or drive prospects to meetings or to detox, please contact Beverly H. at 344-5939 to add your name to the 12 Step List.

Alkathon Chairpersons Needed

Chairpersons are needed to organize Christmas Eve and New Years Eve Alkathons at Holder Community Center, 6:00pm to 1:00am. Please contact Beverly H. at 344-5939.

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* Pizza and *
* Speaker Meeting *
* 1st Thursday *
* each month *
* Never Too Early *
* Group, 8pm *
* Yana Club *
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Events (Continued from page 2)

Aug 8-12 , 2007 51st Florida State Convention

Caribe Royale
8101 World Center Dr
Orlando, FL 32821
Hotel Reservations:
(800) 823-8300
web: www.CaribeRoyale.com
Information:
www.flstateconvention.com

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

Touchstones

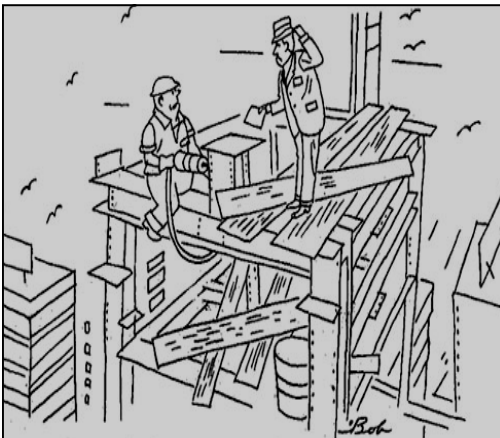
“All AA progress can be reckoned in terms of just two words: humility and responsibility. Our whole spiritual development can be accurately measured by our degree of adherence to these magnificent standards. Ever deepening humility, accompanied by an ever greater willingness to accept and act upon clear-cut obligations -- these are truly our touchstones for all growth in the life of the spirit. They hold up to us the very essence of right being and right doing. It is by them that we are enabled to find and to do God's will.”

Bill W., Talk, 1965 c.1967AAWS,
As Bill Sees It, p. 271

Receiving A Chip

A lady recently received her 6 year token and was asked by a coworker what it was like to be in A.A and work the program. She replied, 'It's like being a pumpkin: God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you may have gotten from the pumpkin patch. Then he cuts the top off and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc., then he carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see.

Passed on to me from another pumpkin.



“I'm sorry you climbed 80 floors pal, but all I know is the guy on your Eighth Step list isn't me.” *James, New Zealand*
(*Grapevine.org*—October, 2006)

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.

This is a wonderful way to be of service.

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 interim chair Frank S. October Hotline Report: 92 calls total: 60 AA info, 5 wet drunk, 5 NA, 6 Alanon, 3 rehab, 13 calls from outside district.

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,
CRYSTAL RIVER

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