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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

August 20

**Wahoo Group Picnic
23rd Anniversary**

Eat@1pm/ Speaker Meeting@3pm
DeSoto Historic Site—Route 48
Between Floral City and Bushnell

The PRESCRIPTION

We see so many people in meetings, and out on the streets, still stumbling around with the program, hurting, whining and crying, still all covered up with the Great 3 S's of our disease, Self-pity, Self-righteousness, and Self-centeredness, and wondering why they can't get "IT" . . .

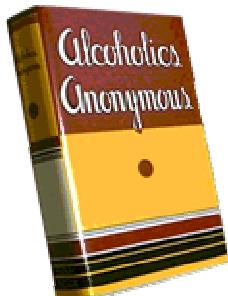
In every meeting the Prescription is read and heard and referred to, on the walls in posters. It is spelled out precisely in the Big Book on Pages 59 and 60.

Unwilling to disregard fear, and the 7 deadlies mentioned in the 12x12 on page 48, you know, pride, greed, lust, anger, gluttony, envy and sloth , people trouble themselves in vain to read the teachings. They see the prescription, but don't take the medicine --- How then can they do away with their illness?"

From the Big Book Page 72, Chapter 6, INTO ACTION . . .

"In actual practice, we usually find a solitary self-appraisal insufficient. Many of us thought it necessary to go much farther. We will be more reconciled to discussing ourselves with another person when we see good reasons why we should do so. The best reason first: If we skip this vital

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Rx for Sobriety

Smith & Wilson A.A.

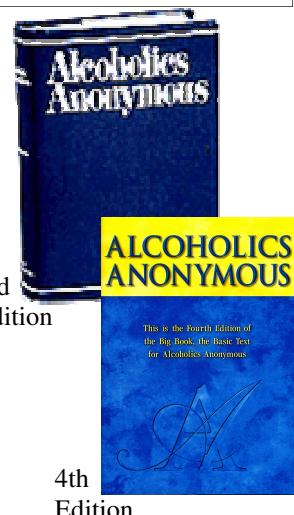
12 Steps practiced in all our affairs -- Pages 59-60
Trust Higher Power & Clean House -- Page 98
Share Experience, Strength and Hope
Stay Active in Service
One Day At A Time for the rest of our life
A handshake, smile and hug as often as possible
Recovery Guaranteed

*Dr. Bob S.
Bill W.*

ORIGINAL 1938 MULTILITH MANUSCRIPT of ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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Area Events

Future Area Assemblies:

July 14-16

October 13-15

Phone: (352) 377-4000.

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

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.50flstateconvention.com/index.asp>

September 1-4

20th Annual Tampa Bay Fall Roundup

Doubletree Hotel - Tampa

Westshore Airport

4500 W Cypress St

Tampa, FL 33607

Reservations:

(813) 879-4800

(800) 222-8733

Info: (813) 205-7663

email: G.Luker@verizon.net

web: tampabayfallroundup.com

September 29 thru

October 1

7th West Coast Sponsorship Weekend

Hyatt Hotel

1000 Blvd of the Arts

Sarasota, FL

Register Early

Space Limited

Information:

Call Dick L. (941)922-5226

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step, we may not overcome drinking. Time after time newcomers have tried to keep to themselves certain facts about their lives. Trying to avoid this humbling experience, they have turned to easier methods. Almost invariably they got drunk. Having persevered with the rest of the program, they wondered why they fell. We think the reason is that they never completed their housecleaning. They took inventory all right, but hung on to some of the worst items in stock. They only thought they had lost their egoism and fear; they only thought they had humbled themselves. But they had not learned enough of humility, fearlessness and HONESTY, in the sense we find it necessary, until they told someone else ALL of their life story." It has been said, "Until someone in AA knows everything you know about yourself, you are nowhere."

WHY???

Because, until the steps are done thoroughly, and the garbage resolved and eliminated, the old thought system still has a basis for return. And they still wonder why they are not Getting "IT".

"Half-measures availed us nothing!!"

On Page 98 of the Big Book, "Burn the idea into the consciousness of every man [and woman] that he [she] can get well regardless of anyone. The only condition is that he [she] trust in God and clean house."

The Steps of the Program are the Mops and Brooms to Clean House.

It isn't any secret, friends, it is all spelled out clearly. There are 12 things to do, and one to not do, no matter what.

If the steps are not done, and done thoroughly, then the individual must live with the consequences of that decision or lack of decision . . .

Sorry about that, but that is the way it is, One Day At A Time.

July '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.

Years

Floral City Group

Troy C. 1

High Noon Group 5

Terry

Holder Way of Life Group

Mike T. 24

Patricia H. 20

Dennis R. 15

Mike E. 5

Keep In Step Group

Ruth M. 17

No Name Group

Curlie A. 24

Women's Friendship Group

Gene T. 29

Bridget M. 15

Lenny C. 12

Ann A. 10

Gayle R. 7

Women's New Beginnings

Group

Tracy B. 21

Danna G. 12

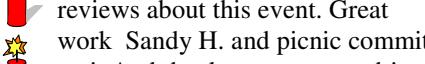
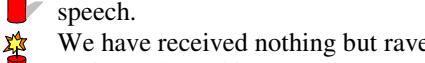
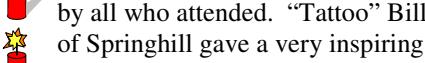
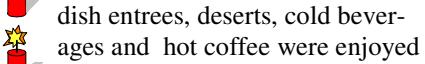
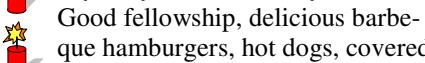
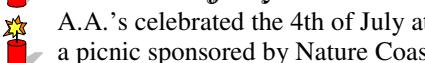
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4th of July Picnic

A.A.'s celebrated the 4th of July at a picnic sponsored by Nature Coast Intergroup and District 28 on Saturday, July 1 at Floral City Park. Good fellowship, delicious barbecue hamburgers, hot dogs, covered dish entrees, desserts, cold beverages and hot coffee were enjoyed by all who attended. "Tattoo" Bill of Springhill gave a very inspiring speech.

We have received nothing but rave reviews about this event. Great work Sandy H. and picnic committee! And thank you very much!



Critique of Founder's Day Workshop

June 10, 2006

Forty-five people attended. The workshop was co-sponsored by District 13, Nature Coast Intergroup, and District 28. Chet P. present parliamentarian for Area 14 was our Guest Speaker.

On June 10, 1935 Dr. Bob had his last drink and AA was founded. What a great day for a workshop on the origins of AA!

AA's early beginnings are documented in our texts: "AA Comes of Age", "The Language of the Heart", "Pass It On", and "Dr. Bob and the Good Old-Times" --All AA Approved literature.

Many people ask questions like: "How did AA start?", "Where did AA come from?", "Where did AA's Steps and Traditions come from?", and "What set the stage for the conversation between Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob?"

Chet P.'s presentation was wonderful. He explained the many coincidental meetings of people from all walks of life, i.e. theologians, physicians, psychiatrists, businessmen, and the very compassionate people of the Oxford Group. Chet also explained that our pioneering founders possessed our most powerful asset, our experience as alcoholics. Were all these chance meetings coincidences or was it a God thing or maybe all of the above?

If you attended this workshop, you couldn't help but observe Chet's sincerity, love, and gratitude he has for our fellowship and for his sobriety.

PS: The fried chicken and salads were delicious. Good fellowship was had by all.

Thank you all District 13, District 28 and our Nature Coast Intergroup and again thank you Chet P. and all who attended.

Jim K.
District 28 Alt DCM

Bookends

At the Traditions Workshop Chet P. chose not to present the Traditions in their strict numerical order. Rather he started with Tradition One followed by Tradition 12, regarding them as the Bookends that bind the rest of the Traditions together as a cohesive whole. In Tradition One we agree that our lives depend on the unity of the whole fellowship, otherwise there is no need to proceed any further. Likewise in Tradition 12 we agree to place the principle of unity before our personal interests, otherwise we may as well go home. The 10 traditions between the Bookends are the sacrifices we need to perform — all of this for the survival of AA.

This Day in History — June 10, 1935

Founder's Day celebrates the first time in recorded history that one sober alcoholic carried the message of sobriety to another alcoholic and both stayed sober until they both died. Bill W. discussed with Dr. Bob his former drinking pattern and his eventual release from compulsion. Dr. Bob once remarked, "Bill was the first living human with whom I had ever talked who intelligently discussed my problem from actual experience." The doctor said later, "He talked my language."

Founders' Day grew out of a series of yearly member meetings (formalized in 1945), and is held as close as possible to June 10, the day Dr. Bob took his last drink - a bottle of beer to steady his hands, shaking from alcohol withdrawal, so he could operate. Dr. Bob never drank again, and died in 1950. Bill W. died in 1971.

email: scmsrl@comcast.net

Or write to:
Sponsorship Weekend
PO Box 17712
Sarasota, FL 34276

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 (SCRJ)

Information:

www.aaspacecoast.org

Inter-

group@aaspacecoast.org

(321) 724-2247 or

(321) 633-0052

National Events

August 10-13

62nd SE Conference

Executive West Hotel

830 Phillips Ln

Louisville, KY

Reservations:

(800) 633-8723 in state

(800) 626-2708 out of state

Information:

Cecilia M (502) 296-5390

James G (502) 968-5061

November 3-5

9th Gratitude Weekend

Holiday Inn Beach Resort

200 Beachview Dr

Jekyll Island, Ga

Reservations:

(808) 753-5955

(912) 635-3311

Information:

(Fuh) 677-6037

email: fwb34@bellsouth.net

web:

www.jekyllislandaa.com

TREASURER'S REPORT		
	25-Jun-06	
	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Beginning Balance	5,480.00	
Income		
Support - Individuals	15.00	96.97
Support - Groups	226.50	2,293.50
Book Sales	92.21	3,341.45
Medallion Sales	24.94	263.93
Other Sales	88.34	332.17
Sales Tax Collected	12.35	236.34
Events	-	39.10
Miscellaneous	-	23.00
Total Income	459.34	6,626.46
Expenses		
Rent (pd for yr in Oct.)	-	-
Alltel	57.33	346.42
Books	733.99	3,726.46
Medallions	40.20	219.90
Recovery Items	8.45	91.49
Sales Tax Paid	-	205.88
Journal	56.05	335.87
Website (pd for yr in Oct)	-	-
Treasurer Expenses	-	39.00
Bank Fees	-	-
Events	40.00	130.34
Misc. Expenses	-	100.25
Total Expenses	936.02	5,195.61
Ending Checking Balance	5003.32	
Reserved for Events	- 695.68	
Available Funds	4,307.64	
Inventory Value	1,917.61	
Accounts Receivable	87.24	
Office Reserve Account(CD)	4,511.22	
Office Reserve Account(MM)	2,500.00	
Total Assets	14,019.39	
GROUP SUPPORT 2006	YTD	June
ABC Group	25.00	-
Attitude Adjustment Group	200.00	-
CATS Group	-	-
Citrus Springs Closed Step Gr	-	-
Crystal River Big Book Grp	100.00	-
Crystal River Group	500.00	-
Dunnellon Group	-	-
Early Birds Group	-	-
Floral City Group	37.50	12.50
Floral City Men's Group	-	-
Hernando Men's Group	-	-
High Noon Group	281.00	94.00
Holder Way of Life Group	150.00	50.00
Inverness Fri Night Group	100.00	-
Inverness Mon Night Group	225.00	-
Inverness Wed. at Noon Group	100.00	-
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	200.00	-
Wahoo Group	50.00	-
Wed Inverness Step Group	-	-
What's the Book Say Group	-	-
Women's Friendship Group	140.00	70.00
Works For Me Group	-	-
YANA Group	-	-
Total	2,293.50	226.50

For Your Information

Intergroup Telephone Hotline chair Gail N.'s June Hotline Report: 70 calls total: 1 for detox, 2 NA, 4 Alanon, 3 wet drunk, 4 for rides, 43 Citrus County and 10 other counties' meetings, and 3 AA 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.

Lecanto Meeting Moving

The Lecanto AA (closed) meeting, Thursdays 8:00 pm, is MOVING!! Effective July 6th, our new location be at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church on Norvell Bryant Hwy (486) located in the Tree Tops Plaza, about 1/4 mile east of the intersection of 486 and 491. Tree Tops plaza is located between the Chevron station and Brentwood. P.S. Al-Anon meets at the same time, same location but a different meeting room.

NOTICE: Thursday night CATS (Living Sober Meeting) at First Presbyterian Church in Inverness has been cancelled.

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

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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