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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 6:00PM

Local Events

May 12

District 28 Workshop

**"The AA Home Group
Unity, Recovery,
Service"**

1st Lutheran Church
1900 Hwy 44 W
Inverness

8:30 AM - coffee/donuts

9:00 AM - Delegate Fred H.
Workshop after Delegate

(presenter Chet P, Orlando)

Followed by Pizza

R.S.V.P PLEASE!

Jim K. 746-3115

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The following was written by Fulton Oursler, an early friend of Alcoholics Anonymous:

(Fulton Oursler was a magazine editor, religious author, and Hollywood screenwriter, and was an early Oxford Group member and friend to AA. He passed away in the year 1952. His official relationship with AA is as follows: Sept. 30, 1939, the very popular weekly Liberty Magazine, headed by Fulton Oursler, carried a piece titled? Alcoholics and God? by Morris Markey (who was influenced to write the article by Charles Towns). It generated about 800 inquiries from around the nation. Oursler (author of The Greatest Story Ever Told) became good friends with Bill W and later served as a Trustee and member of the Grapevine editorial board. In Oct. 1949, Dr. William D. Silkworth and Fulton Oursler joined the Alcoholic Foundation Board.)

I Wish I Were An Alcoholic

There are times when I wish I were an alcoholic. I mean I wish I were a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. The reason is that I consider the AA people the most charming in the world.

Such is my considered opinion. As a journalist, it has been my privilege to meet many people who are considered charming. I number among my friends stars and lesser lights on stage and cinema; writers are my daily diet; I know ladies and gentlemen of both political parties; I have been entertained in the White House; I've broken bread with kings, Ambassadors and ministers; and I say that I would prefer an evening with my AA friends to any person I've indicated.

I asked myself why I considered so charming these alcoholic caterpillars who have found their butterfly wings in AA. There are more reasons than one, but I can name a few. The AA people are what they are, and they are what they were, because they are sensitive, imaginative, possessed of a sense of humor, an awareness of the universal truth.

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May 12

Softball Game / Cookout

1:00-- 5:00 pm
 Bicentennial Field
 Crystal River
 Free Food and Beverages
 Bring Covered Dish (optional)

Area Events

July 13-15

October 12-14

Area Assemblies

Paramount Resort and
 Conference Center
 Gainesville, FL
 Hotel: (352) 377-4000
 There is a 30 day cut-off for
 registration at the hotel. Make
 reservations early.
 Info: (877)992-9229

May 10-13

Big Book Seminar

Holiday Inn Town Center
 1950 Glades Road
 Boca Raton, FL 33431
 Reservations:
 (561) 368-5200
 (800) 465-4329
 Information:
 Ph: (954) 881-8189
 email: info@bigbookseminar.com

May 25-28

Daytona 17th

Spring Conference

Plaza Ocean Club
 640 N Atlantic Ave
 Daytona Beach, FL 32118
 Reservations: (800) 874-7420
 Info: (877) 902-5975
 email: leestapes@viafamily.com

June 15-17

FCYPPA 2007 MIAMI

Florida Conference of Young People
 in Alcoholics Anonymous
 Marco Polo Beach Resort
 19201 Collins Ave,
 Miami Beach, FL 33160
 (305) 932-2233
 Information: call Carissa (305)498-
 3842 or
 www.fcyppa.org

July 27-29, 2007

**12th Annual Southeastern
 Woman to Woman Seminar**

Clarion Hotel Airport

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**Gratitude Dinner
 Steering Committee
 Formed**

Intergroup approved the formation of a Gratitude Dinner Steering Committee consisting of past Gratitude Dinner Chairpersons. The Committee will advise this year's Gratitude Dinner Chairperson (post currently vacant) in arranging the Gratitude Dinner tentatively set to be held at Our Lady of Fatima, Inverness on November 4.

**Alt. DCM Resigns;
 May 27 Election for
 New DCM**

Don G. announced his resignation as Alternate DCM at the April District 28 business meeting. Many thanks to Don for his 2 years service as Secretary and very recently as Alternate DCM. Nominations and election of a new Alternate DCM will be held at the next District business meeting in Holder on May 27. All interested in this position should bring their resumes to the next District meeting.

Are We Happy Yet?

- If you want happiness for an hour
 - take a nap.
- If you want happiness for a day
 - go fishing.
- If you want happiness for a year
 - inherit a fortune.
- If you want happiness for a lifetime
 - help someone else.

~Chinese Proverb

Anniversaries

May 2007

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>Years</u>
Holder Way of Life Group	
Richie C. (Belated - April)	23
George M. (Belated - April)	20
Lori C. (Belated - April)	3
Eddie H.	36
Paul T.	29
Susan N.	19
Ken P.	7
Janifer C.	5
Martha G.	5
Joe R.	1
Share at Noon Group	
Jack M.	35
Marion S.	34
Robie M.	34
Nancy B.	17
Pat B.	5
Women's Friendship Group	
Laura	28
Franni B.	25
Sue E.	24
Shirley W.	20
Women's New Beginnings Group	
Cheryl B.	17
Joanne F.	5

“**G**od grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference.”

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We treasure our "Serenity Prayer" because it brings a new light to us that can dissipate our old time and nearly fatal habit of fooling ourselves. In the radiance of this prayer we see that defeat, rightly accepted, need be no disaster. We now know that we do not have to run away, nor ought we again try to overcome adversity by still another bulldozing drive that can only push up obstacles before us faster than they can be taken down.

Grapevine, March 1962

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They are sensitive, which means they are hurt easily, and that helped them become alcoholics. But when they found their restoration they are as sensitive as ever; responsive to the beauty and the truth and eager about the intangible glories of this life. That makes them charming companions.

They are possessed of a sense of universal truth that is often new in their heart. This fact that this 'at-one-ment' with God's universe had never been awakened within them is the reason they drink.

They have found a power greater than themselves, which they diligently serve. And that gives them a charm that never was elsewhere on the land and sea; it makes you know that God is charming, because the AA people reflect his mercy and forgiveness.

They are imaginative, and that helped make them alcoholics. Some of them drank to flog their imaginations onto greater efforts. Others guzzled only to block out unendurable visions that arose in their imaginations. But when they found their restorations, their imagination is responsive to new incantations and their talk abounds with color and might, and that makes them charming companions, too.

They are possessed of a sense of humor. Even in their cups they have known to be damnably funny. Often it was being forced to take seriously the little and mean things of life that made them seek their escape in the bottle. But when they find their restoration, their sense of humor finds a blessed freedom and they are able to laugh at themselves, the very height of self-conquest. Go to their meetings and listen to their laughter. At what are they laughing? At ghoulish memories over which weaker souls would cringe in useless remorse.

And that makes them wonderful people to be with by candlelight.

THE AA CAMEL

The camel each day goes twice to his knees.
He picks up his load with the greatest of ease.
He walks through the day with his head held high.
And stays for that day, completely dry.

"Dr. Bob would explain prayer by telling how the camels in a caravan would kneel down in the evening, and the men would unload their burdens. In the morning, they would kneel down again, and the men would put the burdens back on. 'It's the same with prayer,' Dr. Bob said. 'We get on our knees to unload at night. And in the morning when we get on our knees again, God gives us just the load we are able to carry for that day.'"

Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers (1980), page 229

Events *(Continued from page 2)*

& Conference Center
Jacksonville, FL
Reservations: (904) 741-1997
Web: jaxclarion.com
Info: (904) 765-6268
Register on line: sewomantowoman.org

August 8-12 51st Florida State Convention

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

Aug 24-26

20th Annual

Sunset Round Up

Casa Marina Hotel
Key West, FL 33040
Hotel Reservations: web:
www.casamarinaresort.com
go to: reservations, scroll to groups
and enter the Group
#4280NUS Information:
web: www.sunsetroundup.com

August 31- September 02 Big Book Workshop Weekend

Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites
Boca Raton Town Center
Reservations: (800) 781-5611
Info: (877) 902-5975
leestapes@viafamily.com

National Events

May 25-27

21st Annual Gathering of Eagles

DoubleTree Hotel Dallas
4099 Valley View Lane
Dallas, TX 75244
Reservations:
(800) 222-TREE
Note: many attendees with
50+ years of sobriety
Information:
Ph: (214) 357-1478
email:
searcyw@aol.com
Web: Gathering of Eagles

2007	Apr	2007
Beginning Balance	4273.24	YTD
Income		
Support - Individuals	24.65	78.15
Support - Groups	535.00	970.00
Book Sales	456.23	1,660.11
Medallion Sales	13.20	255.09
Other Sales	46.42	110.58
Sales Tax Collected	30.94	121.08
Events		97.94
Misc Income		0.00
Total Income	1106.44	3,292.95
Expenses		
Rent (pd for yr in Oct)		0.00
Alltel	56.08	224.21
Books	316.60	1,328.86
Medallions	16.50	202.90
Recovery Items	40.23	50.23
Sales Tax Paid	87.89	183.12
Journal	58.55	255.18
Website (pd for yr in Oct)		0.00
Treasurer Expenses		0.00
Bank Fees		0.00
Events		181.96
Misc Expenses		208.94
Total Expenses	575.85	2,635.40
Ending Checking Balance	4803.83	
Reserved for Office (MM)	4520.31	
Reserved for Office (CD)	2584.00	
Balance Cash Accounts	11908.14	
Inventory Value	1632.85	
Accounts Receivable	159.64	
Total Assets	13700.63	
Prudent Reserve	3000.00	
Group Support 2007	YTD	April
ABC Group	60.00	60.00
Attitude Adjustment Group	100.00	
Citrus Springs Closed Step	0.00	
Crystal River Big Book Group	70.00	70.00
Crystal River Group	0.00	
Dunnellon Group	0.00	
Early Birds Meeting	0.00	
Floral City Group	25.00	25.00
Floral City Men's Group	0.00	
Hernando Men's Group	0.00	
High Noon Group	100.00	100.00
Holder Way of Life Group	0.00	
Inverness Friday Night Group	160.00	80.00
Inverness Monday Night Group	0.00	
Inverness Wednesday Night Step	0.00	
It's in the Book Group	25.00	
Keep in Step Group	0.00	
Last Chance Group	160.00	
Lecanto Group	0.00	
Monday Night Men's Step Group	0.00	
Never Too Early Group	0.00	
No Name Group	0.00	
Quail Run Closed Step Group	0.00	
Red Eye Group	0.00	
Resentment Group	100.00	100.00
Share at Noon Group	100.00	100.00
Wahoo Group	0.00	
What's the Book Say Group	0.00	
Women to Women Group	0.00	
Women's Friendship Group	70.00	
Womens New Beginnings Group	0.00	
Works For Me Meeting	0.00	
YANA Group	0.00	
Total	970.00	535.00



"Okay! I just finished my ninety meetings in ninety days!
When will you people tell me how this thing works?"

Grapevine May 2007

Webmaster Needed

To maintain Nature Coast Intergroup Website (<http://www.ncintergroup.com>).

Our current webmaster is planning to resign very soon, 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. 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 Co-chair Rick T. April Hotline Report: Total Calls Incoming were 93: 84 for AA information/meetings, 7 NA, and 2 Alanon.

Hotline Volunteers greatly needed to carry the phone. Call the Hotline at 621-0599 to volunteer.

Book Sales

In addition to the A.A conference-approved literature, Nature Coast Intergroup stocks a supply of some Hazelden books and medallions. We also have Grapevine Literature. Call Beverly H. to order Ph: 344-5939

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EAST COUNTY

1ST LUTHERAN CHURCH,
INVERNESS (FRIDAY BEGINNERS'
MEETING 6:30 PM)

WEST COUNTY

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CRYSTAL RIVER

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