

March Birthdays

Crystal River Group

Katie S	2 years	Marie W	21 years
Robert A	3 years	Mike O	24 years
Holly C	4 Years	Ned C	27 years
Cindy H	5 years	John S	29 years
Keith H	5 years	Jack H	30 years
Jen A	6 years	Mel L	37 years
Pamela	10 years		

Freedom House Group

Blu A	31 years
Carol K	38 years (Feb)

Holder Way of Life Group

George N	26 years
Al M	34 years

Sober Sand Gnats

Lisa L	1 year (February)
Sherrie B	5 years
Buddy A	38 years

What's The Book Say Group

Brian S	23 years
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Women's New Beginnings Group

Toni T	23 years	Helen G	4 years (Jan)
Shirley M	32 years	Nancy M	10 years (Jan)
Stacy B	14 years (Feb)	Lisa B	14 years (Jan)

Women's Friendship Group

Evonne	31 years
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Won Rebos Group

Lisa B	5 years
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Submit Information and articles to news@ncintergroup.com no later than Friday of the third week of March for inclusion in the April 2014 Journal.

New Group

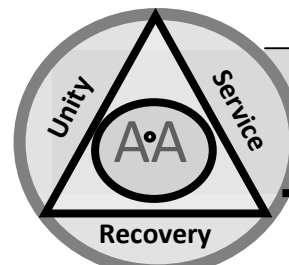
The Old Firehouse Group
10300 S Riviera Drive
Chassahowitzka, FL

Sundays @ 10:30 am
Closed Step

Freedom House Group 4th Anniversary Spaghetti Dinner

Tuesday, April 8th
7:00 PM

Stokes Ferry Road
Hernando, FL



The Nature Coast Journal

March 2014 Issue

The Big Book Turning 75!

Paula D. A 75th Anniversary Commemorative Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous will be coming soon. A. A. World Services, Inc. is pleased to announce the publication of the only authorized reproduction of the first edition of Alcoholics Anonymous. The book is priced at \$12.00.

The official publication date of the first printing of our Big Book, as noted by the United States Copyright Office, was April 10, 1939.

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Danced The Night Away...

Paige B. The Inglis Town Hall Community Center, transformed in red and white, hosted a successful First Annual Valentine's Day Dance on February 14th.

Those who attended enjoyed a wide array of sweets and homemade goodies with excellent coffee, music for moving and grooving and two live performances.

Many volunteered for set-up and stayed for take down making the event fun and an all around winner!



Florida Archives Workshop

Denis S. The First Annual Florida AA Archives Workshop was held in Winter Park on Saturday, February 15, 2014. Sponsored by Areas 14 and 15, North and South Florida, it attracted a big crowd.

Michelle from GSO Archives in New York was present as was Gail from Akron Archives.

Amongst the subjects covered were Presentation and Display, Recording Oral Histories, An historical view of the Concepts, Preservation of Artifacts, Copyright and Fair Use and Meditations on Anonymity in the Digital Age.

A good time was had by all!

2014 Proposed Calendar of Events

March 30	Intergroup Workshop
April/May	East/West Softball Game
June 7	Founder's Day Breakfast
August 16	Picnic in the Park
October	East/West Softball Game
November 9	Gratitude Dinner
December 31	New Year's Eve Dance

Big Book Turning 75

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There were 4,730 books printed, with red cloth binding, wide columns, thick paper, (which was why it was called the Big Book in the first place) and a red, yellow, black and white dust jacket, which came to be known as the "circus cover."

To commemorate this historic printing and the Big Book's 75th anniversary the 2013 General Service Conference approved the creation of this facsimile edition, a faithful replica of the original, to be published in April 2014. This edition will be published in the original English language text only.

March 1941: A Jack Alexander Article puts AA on the map generating 918 responses in just twelve days, 7000 responses overall. In a more recent Jack Alexander moment a recent article in India generated 250,000 responses.

The Nature Coast Intergroup

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The Grapevine

Debra S. This year is the 70th Anniversary of the Grapevine. Founded in 1944, the Grapevine is not allowed to accept group donations. It is solely supported by product sales and subscriptions.

There are newly re-printed issues of the original 1951 and 1971 editions published to honor Dr. Bob and Bill upon their deaths. Each magazine contains the story of each founder's life and stories of friends and members of that time (\$5.99 for both).

Also available, is a Convention Special Edition: 75 Years of AA. This magazine has years of Grapevine history celebrating the people who kindled the AA flame lighting the way for millions of alcoholics (\$4.00 per issue while supplies last).

NCI Web Site

There were 776 visits to the website. The most popular pages were The Journal and the Where and Whens.

www.ncintergroup.com

NCI Hotline

(352) 621-0599

The Chairman's Corner

Hi my name is Rick; I am 77 years old and 32 years sober, I say that not to pat myself on the back but rather to lend support to comments I am about to make. I have lived in Citrus County for the last 10 years and have been a member of the Nature Coast Intergroup for a majority of that time. I currently serve as the Chairperson.

I have noted that for the past few years the only activities promoted were the Gratitude Dinner and an occasional picnic. This is very different from the area where I got sober (note how I carefully avoided the term, "Up north" avoiding the multitude of e-mails telling me where to go). There was in that area a well advertised calendar of events and activities throughout the year. This providing the opportunity to get to know one another, share our experiences and even shop for sponsors.

So, with this in mind we coupled with District 28 and organized a Founder's Day Breakfast. Those who attended stated that this sort of thing had never been done in the past and they would like to see more of it. We followed up with a picnic at Rainbow Springs Park with an even better attendance. The next event was our annual Gratitude Dinner which was attended by over 300 of our fellowship. Not wanting to lose momentum, New Year's Eve and Valentine's Day presented opportunity for dances.

It is the experience of this old country boy that no matter how well bred the pony, they only run so many races before they quit from exhaustion. We have established an annual calendar of events which have been organized, set up, presented and cleaned up by the same few people.

Rick T.

Chairman, Nature Coast Intergroup

**EAST
Vs
WEST
Softball**

Coming Soon...Are YOU ready?

There is some rumor about an Intergroup workshop and Softball in the works. If you would like this trend to continue, we need the young and the not so young that have in the past found it necessary to travel to Marion, Hernando, Pasco and even Hillsborough Counties for sober activities to come to the Intergroup meeting on the last Sunday of each month and let us know what you would like and give us a hand

Service Opportunities

- ♦ Group Reps
- ♦ Vice Chair
- ♦ Journal Editor
- ♦ Event Volunteers

The Nature Coast Intergroup meets monthly on the last Sunday of each month at the Holder Community Center at 4:30 pm.