



NATURE COAST JOURNAL

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Life After Drinking in Action

Rick T.

I am so happy to see people come together and enjoying our activities. This not only provides places where we meet old friends, it provides places where the newcomer can see life after drinking in action. I recall being a newcomer and not knowing what to do or where to go to fill the time on my hands without drinking.

Thank God for the old-timers who took me by the hand and started me on the road to recovery. They provided a place with a relaxed atmosphere where I could look for sponsorship and meet other new people who were in the same situation as me.

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Join us for fellowship, fun and perhaps a hole-in-one!

PUTT PUTT GOLF

Saturday, March 21, 2015

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Cuzin Vinnie's Miniature Golf

Crystal River Mall

1801 US Hwy 19, Crystal River, FL 34428

Desserts Welcome!

\$6.00 Donation

For information and tickets:
puttputtgolf@ncintergroup.com



SWEET!

The 2nd Annual Valentine's Day dance was held on February the 14th The hall, beautifully transformed into a whimsy of hearts, was charming. A good turnout of guests and volunteers enjoyed an evening of dancing to a well-selected playlist and fellowship over coffee and sweets. In addition to a 50/50 raffle, couples were able to have their picture taken in front of a heart-shaped display to commemorate the evening. Kudos and thanks to the volunteers who made this event possible!



Paige B.

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...After Drinking

They provided Gratitude Dinners, Founder's Day Breakfasts, Dances and Picnics.

"These were places where I met friends that I still have today."

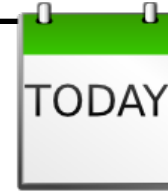
The old-timers told me they were only doing what I would need to do in the future if I truly appreciated this program. They told me to suit up, show up, clean up and grow up, and pass on the things I had been taught.

Today I sit and marvel at the blessings that I have received and know without a doubt that I owe every one of them to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you so very much for sharing with me the effort to pass it on.

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Upcoming Nature Coast Intergroup Events

Mark your calendar!



March 21.....	Putt Putt Golf
May 3.....	Spring Fling in Floral Park
June 6.....	Founder's Day Breakfast
August 21.....	Picnic In The Park
September 20.....	Chili Cook Off
October 24.....	Fall/Halloween Event
November 8.....	Gratitude Dinner
December 5.....	Old-Timers Speaker Meeting
December 13.....	NCI/District 28 Open House
December 31.....	New Year's Eve Dance

State and International Events

April 10 - 12	North Florida Area Assembly - Gainesville www.aanorthflorida.org for info
July 2 - 5	2015 International Convention - Atlanta www.aa.org for info
August 12 - 16	59th Florida State Convention - Orlando www.59.flstateconvention.com for info

Nature Coast Statistics

Hot Line Calls in January 2015: 58 (3 Detox, 3 NA, 52 AA).

Website February 1 - 22, 2015: 35,771 Hits, 3003 visits by 667 unique visitors. Top pages: meeting location and times, FAQ and contact info. Top downloads: Where & When, Legacies, Responsibility Statement and 12 Questions for Young People. Yay!

AREA ASSEMBLIES

Where would we be without them?

Sue S.

As a newly elected GSR, it has been my privilege to attend the past two Area Assemblies. The learning and shared ideas are invaluable to a GSR and they are vital to ensure the future of Alcoholics Anonymous for generations to come. After all, we are here to carry the message to those who are still suffering and we'd like the hand of AA to be here for future sufferers, too!

Assemblies help to assure that the hand of AA is always extended, helping us understand the Traditions, the various outreach and fellowship committees, literature, online meetings and other myriad ways that the organization maintains its cohesiveness, strength, and relevance.

If you've never been to an Assembly, I highly encourage it, both for the practical education and to experience the "behind the scenes" aspects of the program.

Hint: There's one April 10 - 12 in Gainesville!

www.aanorthflorida.org

The Lord's Prayer in AA

Bill W.'s Comments

Steve N.

It is mentioned in *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers* that the Lord's Prayer was used from the very beginning in the Fellowship, at least as early as 1938 and 1939. In those days there was no AA literature, so the early groups relied heavily on existing prayers, on the Bible and Oxford Group literature, for inspiration and guidance.

Bill W. commented several times in his correspondence about the early use of the Lord's Prayer. He wrote a letter to a member in 1959 in which he stated:

"This practice probably came from the Oxford Groups who were influential in the early days of A.A. You have probably noted in A.A. Comes of Age what the connection of these people with A.A. really was. I think saying the Lord's Prayer was a custom of theirs following the close of each meeting. Therefore it quite easily got shifted into a general custom among us.

"Of course there will always be those who seem to be offended by the introduction of any prayer whatever into an ordinary A.A. gathering. Also, it is sometimes complained that the Lord's Prayer is a Christian document. Nevertheless this Prayer is of such widespread use and recognition that the arguments of its Christian origin seems to be a little farfetched. It is also true that most A.A.s believe in some kind of God and that communication and strength is obtainable through His grace.

Since this is the general consensus it seems only right that at least the Serenity Prayer and the Lord's Prayer be used in connection with our meetings. It does not seem necessary to defer to the feelings of our agnostic and atheist newcomers to the extent of completely hiding our light under a bushel.

However, around here, the leader of the meeting usually asks those to join him in the Lord's Prayer who feel that they would care to do so. The worst that happens to the objectors is that they have to listen to it. This is doubtless a salutary exercise in tolerance at their stage of progress."

Archives Corner - March In AA History

In March of 1941, a reporter named Jack Alexander wrote an article about AA for The Saturday Evening Post. He had been invited by Bill W. to come and take a look.

Later he admitted that he really came with no intention of writing the article but only wanted to see what all the talk was about.



After he saw AA in action the seasoned writer was deeply moved. His article came from the heart and was felt for the truth it was. It quadrupled the number of people in AA inside a period of one year. Jack Alexander remained a huge fan of AA for the rest of his life. These facts remind us of the well known phrase in our literature "many of us came to scoff but remained to pray". How many of us could have imagined what a phenomenon AA would be before we came to the rooms.

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Annual Anniversaries

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Tom P.	33

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Dawn M.	1

Crystal River

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Barbara D.	1
Jason K.	1
Jen S.	1
Bill B.	3
Mary M.	3
Caril B.	4
Steve K.	6
Bill B.	13
Kim L.	14
Michiel R.	17
Bob H.	17
Joe B.	23
Jeff K.	24
Stacy M.	24
Karol H.	30
George G.	50

February

Debbie Lee	1
Jackie R.	6

March

Bobbi H.	1
Erick H.	1
Robert A.	4
Steve C.	5
Holly C.	5
Keith H.	5
Cindy F.	6
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Crystal River Group

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April anniversaries are
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