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April in AA History

No leader of any social organization ever tried harder to relinquish power than did Bill Wilson. Having urged the membership for years to take over the responsibilities of AA, an experimental Service Conference was held in 1951. After pondering the situation for four years the membership finally understood that Bill and Bob could not live forever. At the

Conference of 1955 a statement was issued as follows, "This resolution authorizes the General Service Conference to act for Alcoholics Anonymous and to become the successor to it's co-founders."



Because AA is an upside down organization, the resolution above means that the wishes of the members is transmitted through the GSR, the DCM and the Area Delegate to the General Service Conference which is held in New York each April. The responsibility passed on by Bill and Bob in 1955 therefore rests with each member and the welfare of the newcomer will forever be protected by the great consensus of all AA's members. For that reason it is important to attend those business meetings to become aware of the issues and to be as active as possible in the affairs of AA.

Nature Coast Intergroup presents:

A Spring Fling...

Food, Fun and Fellowship in Floral Park!

Sunday, May 3, 2015

1:00 pm to 5:00pm

Floral Park

9530 South Parkside Avenue
Floral City, FL 34436

Park Features: Softball, Basketball, Horseshoes, Shuffleboard, Volleyball, Walking Trails...

Pets on a leash are welcome.

Hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks and chips provided. Side dishes and desserts welcome.

Donation \$5.00

For tickets, information or to volunteer please contact us at springfling@ncintergroup.com

Nature Coast Statistics

Hot Line Calls in March 2015: 70
AA, 6 Alanon, 3 NA

Website March 2015: 28,037 Hits,
1206 visits by 816 unique
visitors. Top downloads: Where &
When, Journal, 12 Questions for
Young People, International
Convention, Putt Putt Event

Putt Putt Golf A Hole in One!

Nature Coast Intergroup hosted its first Putt Putt Golf event on Saturday, March 21. Despite a small turnout, the event at My Cuzin Vinnie's Putt Putt Course in the Crystal River Mall was a success in that it provided another fine opportunity for fellowship and fun. It is always a pleasure to spend time with fellow AA members and volunteers whose aim is to stay sober and serve others. Many heartfelt thanks to those who attended and volunteered. Next time it could be you. Fore!

Success

Bill M.

I think what really matters...when the game of life is done,

Are the battles that we've fought...not the battles we've won.

I don't think it really matters...that we've conquered many men,

But how many times we've faltered...and begun the game again.

I don't think the score is tallied...for the richest and the best,

But, for the ones who take the time to care about the rest.



WHY BE A REGISTERED/LISTED GROUP?

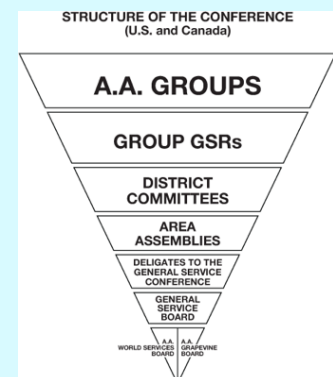
Steve N.

I have heard old-timers say that all you need to start a new A.A. group is a resentment and a coffee pot. It seems to be true as many new groups get started when a few A.A. members feel something is amiss and decide they would rather have a meeting of their own. As a matter of fact, starting a new group is not much more complicated than that. All that is needed is a small group of people who will take responsibility for the meetings: unlocking the door, finding a chairperson, making the coffee.

Alcoholics Anonymous groups may be formed by two or more AA members who for their mutual support agree to use the AA program of recovery and who as a group are not affiliated with any other organization. However, once groups become well established they are encouraged to register with G.S.O. and become a listed group. Most do, but many long term groups have not done so and as such may be missing opportunities to help the still suffering alcoholic outside the group's room.

To really understand the reasons to register, you must understand the nature of the A.A. Service structure. While most organizations have a top down structure, A.A. reverses the pyramid, placing the A.A. Group at the top and the trustees on the bottom.

In the pyramid to the right, one thing is absolutely necessary to guarantee that "the hand of A.A. will always be there." That one thing is communication among all elements in the structure.



That communication and that alone will ensure the balance between the ultimate authority and responsibility which starts in the local group conscience meeting and the continuing existence of the day to day functioning of A.A. as a whole. Too often I hear people say things like, I don't like business meetings - they don't help me keep sober."

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Easy Does It!

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Group Registered?

However, without group conscience (business) meetings, the group does not have a complete group purpose founded on the ultimate authority and responsibility which starts in the local group conscience meeting and the continuing existence of the day to day functioning of A.A. as a whole. Any group can become a registered group by submitting a form.

BENEFITS OF BEING REGISTERED

1. Have a voice in AA as a whole because Groups listed with G.S.O. have either General Service. Representatives (G.S.R.s), or "group contacts," who act as channels for two-way information and shared experience.
2. G.S.R.s attending district meetings are an excellent resource for addressing group problems and concerns.
3. Have your group listed in Eastern US Directory.
4. Get Box 459 every other month.
5. Get the benefit of the shared experience, strength and hope of all the groups that are within our area.
6. Be connected to thousands of groups across the country.
7. Have available the expanding body of AA Literature.
8. Receive other informational mailings to your group from GSO, Area 14, District 28 and Nature Coast Intergroup.

MONTHLY DISTRICT MEETINGS

Remember, If you are interested in attending a full District 28 meeting, we encourage you to stop on by... all A.A. members are welcome! Through our shared experience, strength and hope; we seek to stay sober and keep the hand of AA always here to help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. The monthly District meeting schedule is published at ncintergroup.com under the District 28 tab.



Save The Date!

May 3.....Spring Fling in Floral Park

May 9.....District 28 Workshop

"The AA Group"

June 6.....Founders Day Breakfast

June 20.....District 28 Workshop

"AA in the Age of Technology"

August 21.....Picnic In The Park

September 20.....Chili Cook Off

October 24.....Fall/Halloween Event

November 8.....Gratitude Dinner

Dec 5.....Old Timers Speaker Meeting

Dec 13.....NCI/District 28 Open House

Dec 31.....New Year's Eve Dance

We Need volunteers!

For more information about the events and how to volunteer, contact:

events@ncintergroup.com

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COULD THEY ALL BE WRONG?

John L,

There are so many books on the market today dealing with the way I think. Some books were published 75 years ago, others 4,000 years ago, and they all say the same thing. *What I think about is the way my life will unfold.* Could they all be wrong? Is it possible that I already have the ultimate tool for a successful, happy life? The evidence is overwhelming in favor of YES. *My thinking does control my life's outcome.*

Several years ago after pondering this idea, I came to the conclusion that there just may be something to this new way of thinking. I thought, *"what do I have to loose by practicing this idea, lets say for a year, and see what happens."*

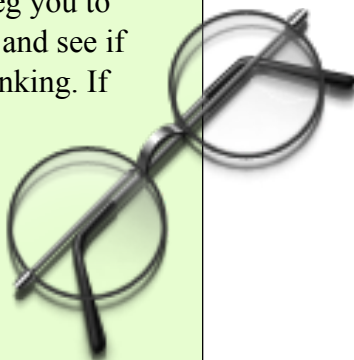
After lots of reading, I did take the suggestions, and looked at my daily life in a different light.

1. Bad things became learning experiences.
2. Financial setbacks became a chance to grow.
3. Depression became a chance to come closer to God.

This new way of thinking was challenging and difficult at first. The more I practiced, the better I became at it. After practicing for many years, it has now become second nature. Today I look at the world with a "new pair of glasses", as Chuck C would put it.

Thanks to an open mind, the influence of friends and a God that wants me to be "happy, joyous and free," I have reached that goal. The process was slow but I kept putting one positive thought in front of another and before long it happened. I was free.

Being a believer myself today, I beg you to look at the way your life is unfolding and see if life is in line with the way you are thinking. If you're not happy with the results you now getting, give this method a chance and watch as the sunlight of the spirit begins to shine.



State and International Gatherings

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

APRIL

ANNIVERSARIES



Women's Friendship

Liz R. 24
Fredericka L. 7
Donna K. 1

Holder Way of Life

Kathy R. 18
Lindsey B. 4

Resentment Group

George M. 28
Oscar 24
Tom K. 21
Jim Mc. 12

Foral City

Al (March) 51
Bruce B. 17
Marlene M. 34

Crystal River

Danny P. 23
Ron C. 20
Harry H. 14

Mark A. 8

Scott C. 4

Judy S. 2

Francis C. 2

Kevin H. 2

Heather C. 1

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