



# NATURE COAST JOURNAL

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District 28 and Nature Coast Intergroup  
present

## The 3rd Annual Founder's Day Breakfast

Saturday,  
June 6, 2015

Crystal River United Methodist Church  
700 Citrus Avenue  
Crystal River, FL 34428

**Doors open at 8:30am**  
**Breakfast at 9:00 am**  
**Speaker at 10:00 am**

For more information, tickets or to volunteer  
please contact us at [events@ncintergroup.com](mailto:events@ncintergroup.com) or  
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**Suggested Donation \$7.00**

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## ARCHIVES CORNER

### May in AA History

The first AA Group in Florida was formed in Jacksonville in May of 1941 just two years after the publication of the Big Book.

For some reason many people think that AA existed for a long time before it eventually made its way to Florida. That is definitely not the case and in fact AA in Florida has a long and interesting history.

For that reason it would be a good thing if all groups were to fill out a Group History Form and send it to District 28. The form can be downloaded from the GSO website and the address for mailing is PO Box 640914, Beverly Hills, FL 34464.

All completed forms will be copied and given to the North Florida Archivist Scott B. at the next Area Assembly in Gainesville in July.

## ORIGIN OF THE SERENITY PRAYER

Lisa B.

The origin of the "Serenity Prayer" has been a tantalizing, elusive and, some still feel, an unsolved mystery; intriguing to those who have attempted to trace the prayer to an authoritative, unimpeachable source. One comprehensive article from the GSO clearly reveals that the Serenity Prayer has had quite a history.

At one point the prayer was attributed to Aristotle. Whatever its ancient or modern origin, this prayer seems to have been born, at least in spirit, far back in time out of an ancient perception and a suffering wisdom. Excepting for the Lord's Prayer and the Prayer of St. Francis, no other quotation or concept, at once so practical as well as spiritual, has taken over the mind and heart of every member who begins the A.A. journey of recovery.

At the risk of appearing too frivolous, there have been some humorous yet apt endings to the prayer. Erma Bombeck, the popular comedic writer, gave this version: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to keep my mouth shut when I don't know the difference..."

Someone else suggested this ending: "...and the wisdom to keep my mouth shut even when I know I'm right"! (Nell Wing, 1981 (Secretary to Bill W.; First A.A. Archivist, 1954-1983)

Finally, the GSO article attributes the prayer to *Reinhold Niebuhr*. Here is the original, full version:

*God grant me the Serenity to accept the things – I cannot change;  
Courage to change the things I can;  
and Wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time; Enjoying one moment at a time;  
Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace;  
Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,  
Not as I would have it;  
Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will;  
That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and  
supremely happy with Him forever in the next.*

*Amen*

## Nature Coast Statistics

Hot Line Calls in April: 66 AA, 3 Alanon, 4 NA, 1 Detox

Website April: 23,055 Hits, 816 unique visitors viewing 2192 pages. Top downloads: Where & When, Legacies, Responsibility Statement, Journal, and International Convention



## "Home Group: The Heartbeat of AA"

Sponsored by District 28



**When:** Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Doors open at 9:00 a.m.  
Workshop to begin at 9:30 am.

**Where:** Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church  
9425 North Citrus Springs Blvd Citrus Springs, FL 34434

Come join us in fellowship, fun and information about the Home Group: The Heartbeat of AA!

**Bring your Group Handbook**



TODAY

## Save The Date!

May 9.....District 28 Workshop

**"The Home Group"**

June 6.....Founders Day Breakfast

Date to come.....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:**

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## Success II

Bill M.

Do you seek wealth with money  
and gold?

Are you trying through  
industry an empire to mold?

Happiness great I'm sure I could find  
Should if some way I could benefit all of mankind.

Are you taking your riches from the bowels of the  
earth?

Or perhaps play the market for all it is worth?  
All these are fine in building your pile,  
But help your fellowman is far more worthwhile.

To be the life of the party might be your aim,  
Or in some big event be the star of the game?  
But all of these are success for a day,  
It's hard work and goodness that finally pay.

How big is your pile at the end of the run?  
Who will run that industry now that you're done?  
Will your success go on living after you're through?  
It will, if your success is the good things you do.

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

### Women's Friendship

Sue E. 31  
Shirley W. 28  
Joanne W. 29  
Robie M. 42

### What's The Book Say

Michelle S. 7

### Holder Way of Life

Eddie H. 44  
Paul T. 37  
Susan N. 27  
Martha G. 13  
Joe R. 9

### Rainbow

Tammy P. 33  
Lynn G. 32  
Terry K. 10

### Crystal River

Franni B. 33  
Brad S. 31  
Dean B. 31  
Jim L. 29  
Joe G. 15

### Crystal River (cont.)

Pete D. 14  
David A. 10  
Mike F. 10  
Travis B. 9  
Meg 7  
Jeremy B. 2  
Rebecca del C. 2  
Benny 1  
Travis E. 1

### Women's New Beginnings

Franni B. 33  
Cheryl B. 25  
FEB - Stacy B. 15  
MAR - Tomi L. 24

**PLEASE SEND JUNE AND  
JULY ANNIVERSARIES  
BY MAY 20. THE NEXT  
TWO ISSUES OF THE  
JOURNAL WILL BE  
COMBINED.**

## State and International Gatherings

- July 2 - 5      2015 International Convention - Atlanta  
[www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) for info
- July 10 - 12    North Florida Area Assembly - Gainesville  
[www.aanorthflorida.org](http://www.aanorthflorida.org) for info
- August 12 - 16   59th Florida State Convention - Orlando  
[www.59.flstateconvention.com](http://www.59.flstateconvention.com) for info

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