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June/July in AA History

Bill W., noticing the emergence of ego-based factions within Alcoholics Anonymous, proposed the idea of an International Convention in the belief that the physical togetherness would spark a genuine desire for unity. The very first such event was held in Cleveland in 1950. It was at this same event that Doctor Bob famously said "let's keep it simple, let's not louse it up with Freudian complexes."

Today we all enjoy the great benefits of both unity and simplicity, the hallmarks of Alcoholics Anonymous. This July we will all have a unique opportunity to contribute to this amazing legacy when the International Convention will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, July 2 - 5. Members from all over the world will congregate, speaking dozens of different languages, all carrying the same simple message in a genuine spirit of goodwill towards all. Let's be there.

District 28 and Nature Coast Intergroup
present

The 3rd Annual Founder's Day Breakfast

Saturday,
June 6, 2015

First Baptist Church of Crystal River
700 North Citrus Avenue
Crystal River, FL 34428

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

Speaker: Kevin G.

North Florida Area Archives Service Coordinator

For more information, tickets or to volunteer
please contact us at events@ncintergroup.com or
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Suggested Donation \$7.00

ONE DAY AT A TIME



SPRING FLING

Fun In The Sun!

Perfect weather, super location, great burgers and dogs, friends old and new; what more could you ask for? The Spring Fling held on Sunday, May 3 at Floral Park in Floral City was well attended. Over one hundred AA members and guests from all corners of the district enjoyed the event.

Many thanks to all those who made the day a success, in particular, Rick C. who worked his magic at the grill.

The Spring Fling in Floral Park is destined to become an event we can all look forward to each year.

Nature Coast Statistics

Website MAY: 935 visits by 705 individuals. Most downloaded pages: Where & When, Journal, Home Group Workshop, International Convention, State Convention

Contribute to the Journal

Send AA-related articles, poems, quips, and quotes for the editor to consider for an upcoming issue!

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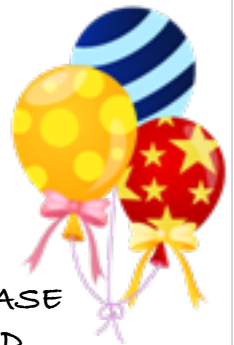
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HAPPY 4th of JULY

Free of the bondage of alcohol

John L.

As we celebrate our country's independence from oppression, tyranny and domination, I'm reminded of my own independence from the downward spiral, alcohol had taken me. I became oppressed and was held prisoner within my own skin by an enemy; our AA founders called John Barleycorn.



The time came in our country's history when the people couldn't take it anymore. They started organizing and moving in a direction different than that of the British.

My dilemma, although tired of the results, was this, am I ready for battle with this very powerful energy, which ran my life?

It was August 1986 when I finally reached my bottom. There would be no bloodshed on my road to freedom unlike what our forefathers endured. The emotional battle went on inside me for years. Finally, I gave up the fight and turned everything over to God, as I understood Him at the time. When the Star Spangled

Banner was written, all seemed hopeless and our country would never be free. This is when God stepped in and things began to change for the better. In the morning, the flag was still flying.

The power of God can be applied to every situation that comes along. Like our loving country, the war did end and we all celebrated only to have another war come along a short time later and followed by many more. There have been many challenges along the road of sobriety, and to this date, I've triumphed over them all with God's help and direction.

I pray daily for both my sobriety and this great country of ours. I pray that we continue to live in the sunlight of the spirit.

Martin Luther King said it well, "*thank God I'm free at last!*"

Happy Independence Day to all of our brothers and sisters throughout our land and to those in AA who have also been given this gift of independence from alcohol and other addictions.

2015 International Convention Countdown

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Before you know it, thousands of A.A.s will gather together to celebrate A.A.'s Birthday in Atlanta, Georgia, July 2-5, 2015. Excitement continues to build and the local volunteer host committee is ready to roll out the mega welcome mat for members from around the world who will join in the celebration, "80 Years — Happy, Joyous and Free!"

There is still time to make plans. Registration for the 2015 International Convention remains open throughout the Convention. There is plenty of room at the Georgia World Congress Center to welcome all registered attendees for the hundreds of A.A. meetings that will occur and there is ample seating in the Georgia Dome for the Big Meetings that take place on Friday and Saturday evening, and the Sunday morning Closing Meeting. But don't forget the "Party in the Park" on Thursday night in Centennial Olympic Park to kick off Convention activities!

Hotel rooms are still available in outlying areas through the Convention Housing Bureau. We continue to expand these to meet the needs of our attendees. Dorms have been added to our housing mix for those who are interested in lower room rates and information can be accessed through a link on the housing page from our website. These are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and reservations must be done directly through the dorm facility, not through the Housing Bureau. The dorm apartments are conveniently located at Georgia State University and Georgia Tech in Atlanta.

For information about the Convention and Atlanta, visit: www.aa.org.

Are you the Intergroup representative for your group? We miss you at the monthly meetings! Nature Coast Intergroup meets the 4th Sunday of each month at 4:30. Meetings are usually less than an hour. Be the voice for your group at this level of service.



Save The Date!

June 6.....Founders Day Breakfast
August 8.....District 28 Seminar
 "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

Other events

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

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