



NATURE COAST JOURNAL

Serving Citrus County, Inglis, and Dunnellon Groups



ARCHIVES CORNER

August in AA History

In August of 1939 Sister Ignatia risked the wrath of her supervisors at St. Thomas's Hospital in Akron, Ohio. She had been discouraged from admitting DT's into the hospital because of the risks of violence.

However she had been watching Dr. Bob stay sober for four years and knew that there was a significant fellowship of AA people outside the hospital to follow up with her patients. So she took a chance and smuggled her first jittery customer into the flower room at the hospital. By the time Dr. Bob died in 1950 she had admitted 5000 patients into the hospital, most of them for the last time. This combination of spirituality, medicine and AA has set the standard for all future efforts in the field and it is unlikely that it will ever be surpassed.



Nature Coast Intergroup Presents:

The 3rd Annual Picnic in the Park

**Saturday,
August 22, 2015**

11:00am to 5:00pm

Food served from Noon to 4:00pm

The Hickory Pavilion

At

Rainbow Springs State Park

**19158 SW 81st Place Road
Dunnellon, FL 34432**

\$7.00 per person

**Price includes: parking, park admission,
food, music, swimming, volleyball, corn-
hole and more. come join us in fun and
fellowship!**

Desserts and Salads welcome!

**For tickets and information, contact
us at events@ncintergroup.com**

Live and Let Live

Get Ready for The Chili Cookoff!

Think your chili recipe is the best? Let our discerning palettes be the judge on October 17 for the annual Nature Coast Intergroup Chili Cookoff! Each group or individual can submit a pot of chili to be tasted and voted on. Enjoy themed festivities and a trophy for the best 2015 chili and more! Additional details to come in the next issue of the NC Journal. Tickets will be available mid-September.



Nature Coast Statistics

Website JULY 15 - AUGUST 14: 1792 visits by 1595 individuals. Page views: 3,004.

Contribute to the Journal

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

news@ncintergroup.com



Attention GSRs! Your input is valuable to our decision-making at the district level. Come to the monthly meeting to receive information for your group and to convey any group concerns.

ANNIVERSARIES

CRYSTAL RIVER GROUP - AUGUST

David P. 34
Barbara A. 32
Nancy B. 29
Dorene C. 16
Edward C. 8
David B. 5
Kayla P. 2
Nikki V. 2

DUNNELLON GROUP - AUGUST

John L. 29

HOLDER WAY OF LIFE GROUP - AUGUST

Dan G. 12
Walter R. 10

RAINBOW GROUP - AUGUST

Ken 25

WHAT'S THE BOOK SAY GROUP -

AUGUST

Larry L. 27
Tom S. 26

SEPTEMBER

Dave S. 5

WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP -

SEPTEMBER

Susan J. 34
Gail M. 12
Betty R. 34

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OCTOBER
ANNIVERSARIES
BY SEPTEMBER 20.

Thank you!



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WHAT IS INTERGROUP?

Intergroup is an AA service entity that involves partnership among groups in the community, just as AA groups themselves are partnerships of individuals. In some districts (not ours), a central office is established to carry out certain functions common to all the groups in their general interest. It exists to aid the groups in their common purpose of carrying the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Nature Coast Intergroup oversees the following functions:

- Hotline
- Journal
- Literature Services
- Gratitude Dinner
- Founder's Day Event
- Picnics
- Other Sponsored Special Events
- Provide Assistance to District

The following functions are under the auspices of our District 28:

- Corrections Committee
- Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee
- Grapevine Services Committee
- Public Information Committee
- Literature Chairperson
- Treatment Facilities Committee
- Intergroup Liaison
- Meeting Listings - (Where & When)
- Workshops
- Archives

THE TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE (short form)

The Twelve Concepts for World Service were written by A.A.'s co-founder Bill W., and were adopted by the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1962. The Concepts are an interpretation of A.A.'s world service structure as it emerged through A.A.'s early history and experience. The short form of the Concepts reads:

1. Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.
2. The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs.
3. To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional "Right of Decision."
4. At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.
5. Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.
6. The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.
7. The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.
8. The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.
9. Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.
10. Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.
11. The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.
12. The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

"We are not professionals"

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Humility

Inscription from plaque on Dr. Bob's desk which to him best described humility:

“Perpetual quietness of heart. It is to have no trouble. It is never to be fretted or vexed, irritable or sore; to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me.

It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised, it is to have a blessed home in myself where I can go in and shut the door and pray to my Father in secret and be at peace, as in a deep sea of calmness, when all around is seeming trouble."

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Save The Date!

Aug 22.....	Picnic In The Park
Aug 30.....	NCI & Dist 28 Monthly Meetings
Sept TBA	AA In The Age of Technology Workshop
Sept 27.....	NCI & Dist 28 Monthly Meetings
Oct 9 - 11.....	Area 14 Assembly
Oct 17.....	Chili Cook Off
Oct 26.....	NCI & Dist 28 Monthly Meetings
Nov 8.....	Gratitude Dinner
Nov 15.....	NCI & Dist 28 Monthly Meetings
Dec 3.....	Long Timer Speaker Meeting
Dec 13....	NCI & District 28 Monthly Meetings & Annual Open House
Dec 31.....	New Year's Eve Dance

Let Go and Let God

- **Gratitude Dinner Tickets will be available late**
- **September. See your GSR or Intergroup Rep for**

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.

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