

Comparing/Contrasting Nature Coast Intergroup with District 28

A. What do District 28 and Nature Coast Intergroup Have in Common

Both exist to help the still struggling alcoholic.

Both Serve a specific geographic area – i.e. Citrus County Florida and some surrounding cities.

Both offer membership to all groups in that geographic area.

Both are committed to the AA Traditions.

Both are committed to being a fellowship, based on unity of purpose. That is often what the early members meant when they said “Keep it Simple.” They meant for AA’s unity to mean a simple singleness of purpose: the desire to stop drinking.

Both are organized for service, but in somewhat different ways and areas.

Both have websites, though somewhat different, to reach out to alcoholics

Both believe in the Responsibility Statement

Both believe in the Unity Statement

Both encourage 12 step work

Both Believe in the three legacies. Service is actually the Third Legacy of A. A. – following behind Recovery, the First Legacy, and Unity, the Second Legacy. As the pamphlet states: “Service to others and to the Fellowship reminds us that we owe our sobriety to the work of earlier members, and that our continued sobriety may depend on the hundreds of thousands who still need to learn of A.A.”

Both meet monthly to get input from the group consciences

B. How are District 28 and Nature Coast Intergroup different?

District 28

- Not Incorporated
- Exist to connect groups to Area 14 and the General Service Conference in New York
- Supported entirely by contributions from groups
- Provides A.A. Informational Workshops and Long Time Speaker Meetings
- Operates to educate about GSO Agenda Items and communicate Group Conscience to Area 14 Delegates to take to GSO Meetings in New York
- Operates according to Structures and Guidelines
- Leaders are District Committee Member (DCM), Alt. DCM, Secretary and Treasurer
- Leaders rotate out after serving one two-year term
- Group representative is the General Service Representative (GSR)
- Other opportunities for service include Twelve Standing Committees

Nature Coast Intergroup

- Non Profit Florida Corporation
- Sole purpose is to act as a clearinghouse for the convenience of members and groups desiring assistance, and to extend the Twelve Step Work “carrying the message” to the sick alcoholic
- Supported primarily from contributions from groups but has some event and material sales income.
- Provides events and social activities for AA members
- Coordinates with other intergroups through Area 14 Intergroup Workshop Meetings
- Operates according to Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws
- Officers are four trustees, chair, alt. chair, secretary, treasurer
- Officers may serve three two-year terms before rotating out.
- Group representative is the Intergroup Representative.
- Other opportunities for service include Four Standing Committees