

SERVICE

- Needed are volunteers with a minimum of 2 years sobriety to manage the Office and with a minimum of 1 year sobriety to assist Office managers. Call the Office at **344-0290** to volunteer.
- Volunteers are also needed to answer the Hotline. Call the Hotline at **621-0599** to volunteer.
- The newsletter always needs new refreshing recovery articles. These can be your own original stories, tidbits, or copies of articles or graphics from other recovery sources. If you have written and computer skills, you may want to consider volunteering some of your time each month to help put together our monthly newsletter. You don't have to know everything there is to know about desktop publishing, but just be able to help out with a few tasks. The editor will put it all together. "Many hands make for light work." To volunteer send an email to news@ncintergroup.com or call the editor (phone number listed in the Journal).
- Volunteers are also needed to help out on various committees for, such as, the Gratitude Dinner and the Fourth of July Picnic.

HOW CAN MY AA GROUP PARTICIPATE?

- Assure that your group representative attends all Intergroup monthly meetings.
- Contribute regularly to the financial support of the Intergroup Office.
- Inform your group members about Intergroup functions and activities, and ask for their support.

INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETINGS

Nature Coast Intergroup meets on the last Sunday of each month 4:30pm at the Community Center in Holder.

MEETING LISTS

Directories of AA meetings (Where and When) are available from the Intergroup Office/Bookstore. These show the time and location of the approximately 65 meetings in Citrus County and surrounding areas. If you need information on meetings in other areas, call the Intergroup Office or the Hotline after office hours.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Intergroup is supported mostly by contributions of time, talent and money from the groups and members it serves. Profit from the sale of literature, pamphlets, medallions, and recovery items is minimal. The Treasurer's financial report can be found in the Nature Coast Journal.

WHERE TO SEND DONATIONS

Checks payable to:

Nature Coast Intergroup
111 W. Main St., Room 308
Inverness, FL 34450

(Please note Group Name on check)

"Our Twelfth Step – carrying the message – is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die." (A.A. Service Manual page S1)



WHAT IS INTERGROUP?

Intergroup is an A.A. service entity that involves partnership among groups in the community — just as A.A. groups themselves are partnerships of individuals. A central office is established to carry out certain functions common to all the groups — functions which are best handled by a centralized office — and it is usually maintained, supervised, and supported by these groups in their general interest. It exists to aid the groups in their common purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Nature Coast Intergroup
Office/Bookstore
111 W. Main St., Room 308
Inverness, FL 34450
Open: Mon, Wed, Fri 10am-4pm
Sat 10am-1pm
(352)344-0290
www.ncintergroup.com
Hotline: (352)621-0599

INTERGROUP FUNCTIONS

Population density, demographics, the number of groups and districts per geographic area, and specific needs of groups and districts are factors that determine how an Intergroup functions. Some Intergroups do more while others do less; some Intergroups maintain central offices while others do not. Nature Coast Intergroup serves all of the groups in District 28, Citrus County, and other surrounding areas. Here are the functions of Nature Coast Intergroup vs. District 28:

INTERGROUP

- Central Office/Bookstore
- Hot Line
- Newsletter
- Website
- Literature and Pamphlet Sales
- Medallion and Recovery Item Sales
- Gratitude Dinner
- Picnics
- Other Sponsored Special Events
- Provide Assistance to District As Needed

DISTRICT

- Corrections Committee
- Cooperation with Professional Community Committee (CPC)
- Public Information Committee (PI)
- Literature Chairperson
- Treatment Facilities Committee
- Intergroup Liaison
- Meeting Directories (Where & When's)
- Workshops

CENTRAL OFFICE/BOOKSTORE

The Intergroup Central Office/Bookstore serves as a resource for all A.A. members and potential A.A. members. In addition to the A.A. conference-approved literature, Nature Coast Intergroup Office/Bookstore carries Grapevine Literature, Medallions, Hazelden books, and a good selection of Recovery Items suitable for gifts. The following items are also available in our new Store: Audio Big Book, Audio 12 & 12, Audio Living Sober, Audio AA Comes of Age, Braille Big Book, Literature Rack, Meeting Sign, Pocket Cards (steps, traditions, serenity prayer), Big Book Dictionary, Speaker Certificates, Birthday Cards, and much more.

WEBSITE

The Nature Coast Intergroup Website located at www.ncintergroup.com contains printable, up-to-date meeting schedules sorted by time and day of week. Convenient printable location maps are provided for each meeting. Current and back issues of the Nature Coast Journal newsletter are available dating back to January 2004. Upcoming Local, Area, National and International events are shown. Current and previous Intergroup and District meeting minutes dating back to January 2004 are provided as well. The Website also contains links to other recovery websites, such as, Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Office, Grapevine Magazine, North Florida Area, and other nearby Intergroups.

HOTLINE

The telephone is the link from the suffering alcoholics to Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as a resource for visitors looking for meetings and inquiries from the general public and professional community. The Hotline **(352)621-0599** is answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In the near future the Hotline will be answered at the Intergroup Office during regular office hours and by the Hotline phone at all other times.

NEWSLETTER

The *Nature Coast Journal* is a monthly newsletter published by Nature Coast Intergroup containing articles helpful to recovery. The Journal provides local and special announcements regarding Intergroup, as well as, issues affecting the AA fellowship, groups, and District. The Journal lists upcoming Local, Area, National and International events, announces monthly anniversaries, and provides a monthly Treasurer's report itemizing income, expenses, and group support. Copies of the Journal are available for pickup and distribution for all the groups early each month from two locations: East County at the Intergroup Office and West County at the Serenity Club, St. Benedict's, Crystal River.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Each year Nature Coast Intergroup sponsors a Fourth of July Picnic, a Gratitude Dinner, and other occasional events in partnership with a group or groups.