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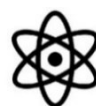
Step Eleven

“Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God *as we understood Him* praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.”



Tradition Eleven

“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personally anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.”



Concept Eleven

“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.”

THE BASKET

We are self-supporting and so voluntarily foot the bill.



When the Big Book appeared in 1939 it would have cost about \$50 if purchased

today. A dollar doesn't go as far as it once did. I have been regularly attending AA meetings for a fairly long time and in those four decades the standard donation when the basket is passed (in this alcoholic's humble opinion based on his simple observations at thousands of meetings) is still today the “basket buck.”

There are no dues or fees for membership but we AAs do have financial responsibilities that need to be met—first and foremost here in our groups when we pay the rent and make the coffee, but also to ensure that everyone in need can find the hand of AA when help is needed.

When we gather together in our service groups, we are obligated to provide the means to find AA and to keep its message alive.

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We must support an AA service structure that ensures we have phone services, web pages, directory listings, publication of approved literature, and much more so that we can be found by and assist those in need.

Our new Intergroup Trustee, Jerry K., chips in with his own “2 cents” below!

- Bill K., Journal Editor

Hi! My name is Jerry K. I was just voted in as a trustee in the Nature Coast Intergroup. I would like to thank that group for their confidence in me. I am working on nine years sober and I am a member of the Old Firehouse Group which meets in Chassahowitzka on Sunday mornings (10:30AM) and Wednesday evenings (6:30PM).

As a new trustee, I would like to comment on and make some suggestions about financial support for Alcoholics Anonymous. All AA members are caretakers of a fellowship that helped untold numbers of suffering, practicing alcoholics. I also see inflation has turned the dollar into a dime. I see a lot of folks still think a dollar is fair for a meeting. I was told early on that a fair amount for a meeting was the cost of a cheap shot of whiskey—that comment is worth thinking about. We need to support the AA program to keep it alive now and into the future.

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SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



Intergroup has two open positions.

The **Special Events Chairperson** must have one year of continuous sobriety and be able to attend the Intergroup meetings. The Special Events Chair coordinates the Founder’s Day and Gratitude events as well as athletic events, dances, and picnics. The term of the position is one year.

A **Trustee** – The Board of Trustees oversees the Officers and operations of NCI, Inc. Each Trustee shall discharge his/her responsibility as a trusted servant, bearing in mind at all times that his/her actions are for the benefit of all AA groups and that principles should come before personalities. Trustees should have prior service to AA as either an Intergroup Rep, Committee Chair, or Officer and be familiar with the Nature Coast Intergroup By-Laws. The term of the office is two years.

District 28 is looking for people to help in these areas: Accessibility, Archives, Grapevine, Treatment, Workshop, and Alternate DCM.

Show up at Shepherd of the Hills Church, 2540 W Norvell Bryant Hwy, Lecanto, at 4:30pm on the first Sunday of the month.

Everybody is welcome.

LECANTO GROUP

Christmas Party

December 14th, 2023

Unity Church

2628 W Woodview Ln, Lecanto

7-8pm

Doors Open at 6:30pm

Food • Fellowship • Speaker

Covered Dishes Welcome!

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My group has been unable to contribute to AA service beyond the group level for over a year as we are still recovering from the pandemic and can barely make rent. I'm trying to dig a little deeper and ask that we all try to be a little more thoughtful and generous when the basket goes around.

- Thanks Jerry K.

For more information on the "basket" see the Conference-approved pamphlet *F-3-- Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix*

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

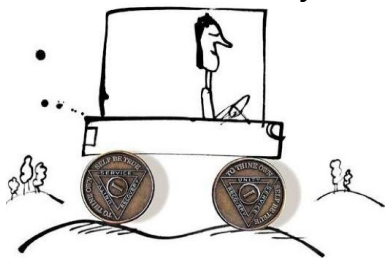


If you would like to celebrate the sober anniversaries in your group, please send them to news@ncintergroup.com.

We will publish them in the Journal to congratulate the individual and the group on a job well done!

The Monday Nite Men's Step Group at Shepherd of the Hills Church celebrates these anniversaries.

John C.	3 years
Dennis F.	35 years
Mark R.	42 years



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