



Nature Coast  
Intergroup and  
District 28 Business  
Meetings are usually  
held on the first  
Sunday of the Month  
at Shepherd of the  
Hills Episcopal  
Church, 2540 West  
Norvell Bryant  
Highway, Lecanto, FL

*Intergroup meets at  
4:30pm and District  
meets at 5:45pm.*

**All Are Welcome!!!**

**Intergroup & District 28  
2026 Business Meeting  
Dates**

Jan 11	Feb 1
Mar 1	Apr 12
May 3	June 7
July 5	Aug 2
Sept 6	Oct 11
Nov 1	Dec 6

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## \$\$\$ MONEY & SPIRITUALITY PART 1

Over the years I have handled money at the group, district, and Area levels of the AA service structure. I currently have been handling money for a new group here in Citrus County for a little more than a year. The AAs attending have been generous, and we collected over \$1,700 in the 12 months of 2025. (We meet three times a week). In comparison, my  
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**A point of order on MONEY** (“contributions”)—contributions to the Florida Area 14 and GSO (AA New York Offices) can each be made by a check in the mail or online. If you contribute to Area 14 online, a portion of your contribution goes toward defraying the cost of making that transaction online; whereas, sending a check to the Area gets your full contribution in their pocket. But AA in New York suggests that online contributions are more cost effective: “Online contributions go further, as they save on handling costs. However, the General Service Board is grateful for all contributions.”

You can find guidance on **how to make contributions** to District 28, The Nature Coast Intergroup, Florida Area 14, and the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous on the back page of every Nature Coast Journal.

**HOTLINE: 352-621-0599**

## **SUPPORT THE GRAPEVINE!**

Folks often ask how they can support Grapevine. Today, our financial situation is very difficult. With your increased support, a thriving Grapevine and La Viña can continue providing vital services to alcoholics everywhere. We can also persist in adapting new technologies to carry the AA message. Here's how you can help Grapevine help others:

1. Subscribe or renew your Grapevine or La Viña subscription today. You can subscribe to the print magazine or online — or subscribe through the apps to read or listen to the magazine right on your smartphone.
2. Ask your group to start a Grapevine or La Viña subscription — or add another.
3. Contribute to the Carry the Message program as an individual or as a group to provide subscriptions to those in need.
4. Tell your friends, home group, district and area that we need subscribers now more than ever.
5. Consider gifting a subscription to someone who could benefit from the AA message.
6. We need help from Area and District trusted servants to reach groups that don't have Grapevine or La Viña — or even know that the magazines exist.

7. Make Grapevine and La Viña part of your local events with workshops and presentations.

Every subscription helps keep the voice of the Fellowship alive for alcoholics who may not be able to get to a meeting but can still hear the message of recovery through our pages, podcasts, videos, and outreach.

With your increased support, a thriving Grapevine and La Viña will continue providing these vital services to alcoholics everywhere and once again contribute to the General Service Board Reserve Fund.

*In service and fellowship, Chris C.  
Publisher, AA Grapevine, Inc.*

## **A BASIC SPIRITUAL PLAN TO LIVE BY (IF YOU CHOOSE)**

When we let go and let God help us with the terrible illness of alcoholism, God will lead us onto the new-to-us path of Alcoholics Anonymous and the Twelve Steps Program. The AA program is about surrendering our will and our lives to God. When we surrender to God and make the spiritual covenant of, "I am willing to go to any lengths for sobriety and getting well," God will prepare us and make us ready to do so. God could and would if He were sought. *continued on page seven*

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home group in the Chicago suburban area met Monday through Saturday and there were years when collections approached \$15,000 in a year.

Twice I served on the Finance Committee for the Chicago Area which is responsible for all matters relating to office management, records, personnel, finances and expenditures of Area 19. Annually, there is an area-wide open meeting celebrating the first AA meeting in Chicago (The All Chicago Open) which at times was attended by more than 10,000 people. The committee function I will always remember was counting the contributions collected at that meeting. Several committee members were wading through loose piles of money (close to \$18,000 in currency, most of it being single dollar bills), stacked loosely on tables sometimes more than a foot high and seeing who would be the first to find a \$100 bill.

I have been here in Citrus County since July of 2021 and have attended District and Area Service meetings regularly since I arrived. My personal impression is that AA groups and individuals in Citrus County also generously support the AA service structure and that the officers in that service structure handle those contributions responsibly. The best

proof of this is that services continued through the COVID challenges smoothly and that the prudent reserve served its purpose. More on money and spirituality will come in the issues following this.

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For more on money in AA see:

*Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix, Pamphlet F-3. A full-color, illustrated pamphlet that suggests ways of apportioning group contributions to support various service entities. Available at aa.org.*

**The 68th Florida State Convention**, is about seven months away. It's *pedal to the metal* with planning. We're excited, we're grateful, and it truly is an honor to be putting this convention together for all of you.

**Early registration ends at the end of April**, so please register soon at: <https://68.floridastateconvention.com/>

That's where you can take care of everything for the convention:

- register
- get your merchandise
- purchase banquet tickets
  - sign up for activities
- and find everything you need to get ready for the 2026 Florida State Convention.





# North Florida Area Conference

AREA 14 ASSEMBLY

*Everyone is welcome  
especially you!*



**2026 ASSEMBLY DATES:**

**APRIL 10-12, 2026**

Deadline for room rate is March 20

**Orlando Marriott Lake Mary**  
1501 International Parkway

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# 68th FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION



ORLANDO, FL  
August 6-9, 2026

## A NEW FREEDOM



## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

### EXPERIENCE FREEDOM

- ✓ Workshops
- ✓ Great Speakers
- ✓ Meet New Friends
- ✓ Marathon Meetings
- ✓ Panels

### FUN ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Indoor Go-Karts
- ✓ Games and Trivia
- ✓ World Class Golf
- ✓ Dance Parties
- ✓ Scenic 5K Run

*Register Today While Rooms Are Available!!!*

Register Online at <https://68.FloridaStateConvention.com>



Rosen Plaza Hotel  
9700 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32819  
(407) 996-9700  
Online at: <http://rosenplaza.com>  
**ROOM COST: \$159/ Night**



**BOOK HOTEL** 

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 Through the Twelve Steps, God will give us sobriety and victory. By continuing to live the Steps and spiritual suggestions in the AA literature, we will not be led astray back into drinking and active alcoholism. With sobriety and spiritual awakening (by placing ourselves in God's care and joining the AA fellowship) we have ongoing access to God's consolation and guidance. We can relax and give up struggling through life; God is our everlasting source of sobriety, and AA can be our safe refuge. All will be well if we follow the Big Book instructions, do the work, practice the Twelve Steps, and abide by the Twelve Traditions. God will help us handle all things well.

*Written by: Jerome D  
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### **JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**



If you would like us to recognize the sober anniversaries in your group, please send them to [news@ncintergroup.com](mailto:news@ncintergroup.com).

The Women's Friendship Group that meets at 10am on Mondays at the Old Schoolhouse Community Center announces these anniversaries.

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| Mary Jo T. | 26 years |
| Trish D.   | 34 years |
| Arlene M.  | 36 years |
| Mary R.    | 37 years |
| Tommie P.  | 39 years |
| Cindy P.   | 42 years |
| Gayle W.   | 43 years |

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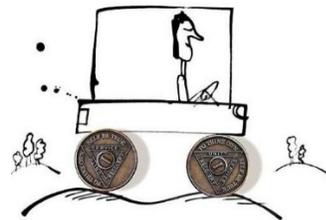
If you would like us to recognize the sober anniversaries in your group, please send them to [news@ncintergroup.com](mailto:news@ncintergroup.com).

The Crystal River Group that meets at Serenity Club near St. Benedict's Catholic Church announces these anniversaries.

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| Kevin P.   | 6 years  |
| Joe P.     | 8 years  |
| Kathy N.   | 11 years |
| Jill A.    | 11 years |
| Janet F.   | 12 years |
| Barbara K. | 12 years |
| Carl B.    | 15 years |
| Bill B.    | 15 years |
| Bill B.    | 24 years |
| Bob G.     | 27 years |
| Michid R.  | 28 years |
| Joe B.     | 34 years |
| Jeff K.    | 35 years |
| Stacy M.   | 35 years |
| Lori W.    | 35 years |
| Gary R.    | 38 years |
| Karol H.   | 41 years |
| Jim H.     | 46 years |
| Dave J.    | 50 years |

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

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| Jimbo A.   | 16 years |
| Quentin B. | 36 years |
| Dave D.    | 40 years |



### SEVENTH TRADITION (LOCAL)

For **District** contributions, please **write your group name and number** on the check.

Make check payable to  
"District 28" and mail to:  
**District 28,**  
PO Box 640914,  
Beverly Hills, FL 34464

For **Intergroup** contributions, please **write your group name and number** on the check.

Make check payable to  
"Nature Coast Intergroup"  
and mail to:  
**Nature Coast Intergroup,**  
PO Box 2634,  
Crystal River, FL 34423

### SEVENTH TRADITION (AREA & GSO)

If paying **Area** by check, please write "**District 28**" and your **group name and number** on the check.

Make check payable to  
"NFAC" and mail to:  
Area 14, Panel 75 Treasurer,  
PO Box 840066,  
St. Augustine, FL 32080  
Paying online at (aanorthflorida.org)  
incurs a service fee.

**GSO** (aa.org) prefers online contributions. If paying by check, please write "**District 28**" and your **group name and number** on the check.

Make check payable to  
"General Service Board" and mail to:  
GSO, PO Box 2407, James A. Farley  
Station, New York, NY 10116-2407



### Step Two

"Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."



### Tradition Two

"For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."



### Concept Two

"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."

## EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING



February 21st at 10:00 am  
Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters  
210B Tompkins St., Inverness

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