



NATURE COAST JOURNAL

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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!!!

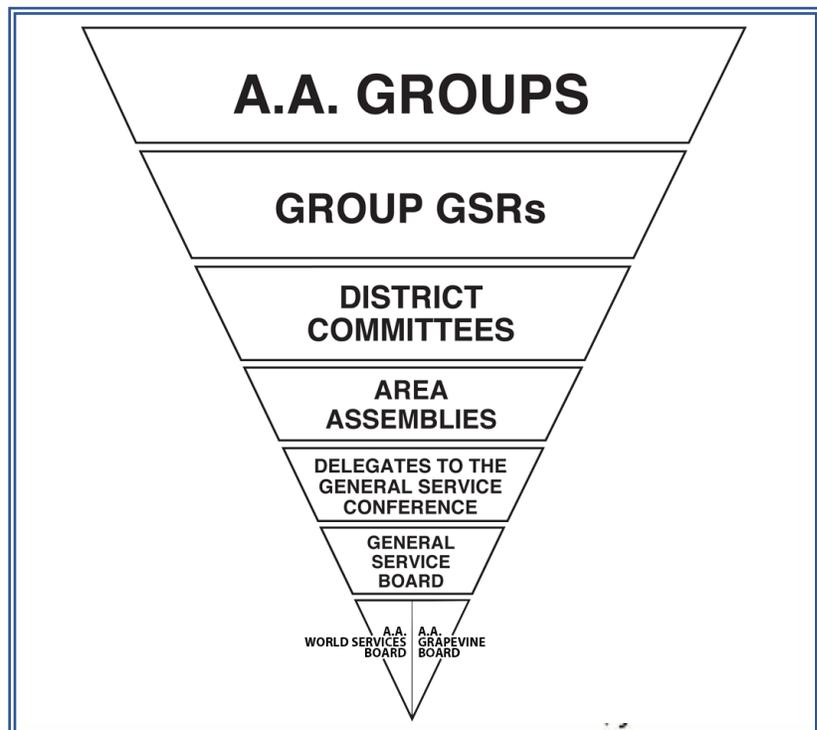
**Intergroup & District 28
2026 Business Meeting
Dates**

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

\$\$\$ MONEY & SPIRITUALITY PART 2

In the AA service structure money flows down from the group to the District, to the Intergroup, to the Area, and to the General Service Board. Here is that structure in a nutshell: Our elected group district representatives (GSRs) form the Area, and Areas across the country elect representatives to New York where they meet annually (in April) to form the General Service Conference which provides guidance to the General Service Board which meets quarterly throughout each year.

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HOTLINE: 352-621-0599

AA TRADITIONS: BOOKENDS? CONSTITUTION? GUARD RAILS?

Over the next year or so, I plan to print pieces in the Journal on each of the 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. The sub-headline above **(Bookends? Constitution? Guard Rails?)** echoes opinions of the traditions that I have heard from AA members. The “guardrails” idea is my own based on my numerous visits to the bowling alley chaperoning young adults with varied bowling skills. There were a few that insisted the rails come down even though scores were higher with the rails.

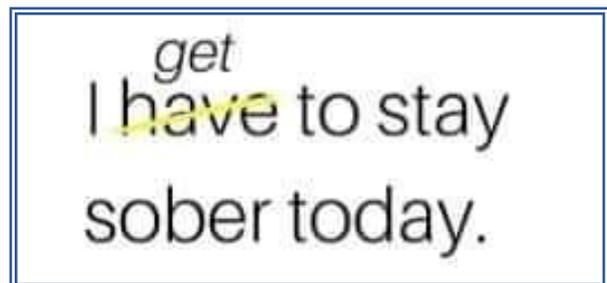
The Twelve Traditions were first published in a series of articles which appeared in the Grapevine. In the first years of AA’s existence (1935 to 1945) many questions came from the groups as they struggled to find their footing. Based on those inquiries Bill W. wrote an article for the Grapevine (April 1946) entitled “Twelve Suggested Points for A.A. Tradition.” The “suggested points” would become The Twelve Traditions. Bill realized that the growing fellowship needed more guidance and that it was necessary to ensure safeguards to preserve A.A.’s unity and singleness of purpose.

In time, the Grapevine published the Traditions in issues from December 1947 to November 1948. In 1950, the First International Convention in Cleveland adopted the Twelve Traditions.

On a personal level, I have come to appreciate what AA has achieved as an organization and have come to realize that much of that achievement can be attributed to the principles of action (and restraint) found in the traditions. I often marveled that so much was accomplished in my home group that involved discussion that seemed totally chaotic. In the end we always reached a group conscience. I often would think to myself (and sometimes vocalize to others) that the group adhered especially well to the Ninth Tradition in being so disorganized!

Please let me know if you have thoughts on a Tradition. Want to write a piece? Email me at news@ncintergroup.com.

Bill K., Journal Editor



Money continued from page one

Here in Citrus County we have two service organizations which serve Citrus County. (We do touch into Marion County near Dunnellon and Levy County near Inglis). **District 28** is part of the **North Florida Area 14. Nature Coast Intergroup** is a legal entity (501c3). Our district is the source of our representation in AA as a whole and the intergroup (a legal entity as a 501c3 organization) provides local nuts & bolts support for the fellowship.

Here are some numbers for our local district (District 28) and Intergroup (Nature Coast Intergroup) for 2025:

District 28

Revenues 2025	\$6,769
Expenditures 2025	\$6,496
Year End Balance	\$9,149

Nature Coast Intergroup

Revenues 2025	\$13,041
Expenditures 2025	\$12,284
Year End Balance	\$6,768

Area 14 (comprised of 33 districts) runs roughly in the north end of the state from Tallahassee to Jacksonville and in the south from Brooksville on the Gulf to Cape Canaveral on the Atlantic.

Area 14

Revenues 2025	\$88,416
Expenditures 2025	\$88,993
Year End Balance	\$102,466
Reserve Fund	\$80,047 (of the \$102K)

The General Service Office in New York depends on contributions from groups, individuals, the service structure, and income from the sale of literature.

General Service Office (New York)

Revenues 2024	\$19,682,054
Expenditures 2024	\$18,686,132
Reserve Balance	\$12,454,738

*Bill K., Journal Editor
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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.

Pre-Conference Workshop

Come share your voice with your delegate, Lori P. Upcoming agenda items will be discussed for the 2026 General Service Conference on Sat., March 7, 2026, from 2-4pm at the Chassahowitzka Community Center/ Firehouse, 10300 S Riviera Dr, Homosassa FL 34448.

YPG presents:

THE 2026

SPRING FLING

Friday, April 3rd

Location: **First Christian Church**
2018 Colonade Street
Inverness, FL

Doors open at 5pm

Dinner at 6:30pm

* Speaker at 7:30pm

50/50
Raffle
\$\$

Food, Fun &
Fellowship!

\$3 Suggested Donation

NATURE COAST INTERGROUP

presents a

- **Speaker**
- **50/50**
- **Music**
- **"Best Chili" Competition**
- **Kids Under 12 are Free**

\$5.00

suggested contribution
tickets required in advance
do not pay at gate



APRIL 18th, 2026 • 1pm to 5pm

FT. COOPER STATE PARK

3100 S. Old Floral City Road • Pavilion 1
Inverness, FL 34450



- **Hot Dogs (and Chili)**
- **Please Bring Items to Share Based on the Back of your Ticket**
- **Chili Makers Come @ 12:30**
- **Food, Fun & Fellowship!**



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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aanorthflorida@aa.org

**Prodigal Sons V, Central Florida
AA Men's 12-Step Retreat**

Friday April 24 at 4pm - Sunday April 26

Warren Willis United Methodist Camp and Conference Center, 4991 Picciola Rd, Fruitland Park, 34731 <https://wwumccc.org/site/>

Registration at 3:00 pm Friday, April 24th
Dinner at 5:30pm

COST: \$195.00 including hotel room, two men per room; \$230.00 including single occupancy hotel room; **COMMUTER:** \$125.00 all retreat events and meals, no lodging.

DEADLINE: Payment (check, money order, PayPal) March 22, 2026

FOR THE APPLICATION send an email to: prodigalsonsv@gmail.com
or call/text Daniel S. at 941-730-4274
WEBSITE: <https://www.prodigalsonsv.com/>



68th FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION
ORLANDO, FL
August 6-9, 2026
A NEW FREEDOM

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

EXPERIENCE FREEDOM	FUN ACTIVITIES
✓ Workshops	✓ Indoor Go-Karts
✓ Great Speakers	✓ Games and Trivia
✓ Meet New Friends	✓ World Class Golf
✓ Marathon Meetings	✓ Dance Parties
✓ Panels	✓ Scenic 5K Run

Register Today While Rooms Are Available!!!
Register Online at <https://68.FloridaStateConvention.com>

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

BOOK HOTEL



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Billy Weber of Dunnellon passed on January 26. Billy's home group was Won Rebos.

Billy was known and loved by many in AA and throughout the Skydiving world. He recorded over 15,000 jumps.

The amazing thing about Billy was that he maintained his upbeat, spiritual message despite his absolutely miserable physical condition.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Billy on March 22 from 2-4 pm at the Old Schoolhouse.

"GOD NEVER GIVES ME MORE THAN I CAN HANDLE—I JUST WISH HE DIDN'T TRUST ME SO MUCH!"

Early in sobriety, I was told I'd have to learn to live life on life's terms without drinking. How was that going to happen? I wondered. I was convinced I could never stay sober through life's tougher times. What would happen if my child died? Or if I was diagnosed with cancer? Or if my house burned down? There was no way I could stay sober through any of that.

As the months and then years went by, I began experiencing life without drinking. First, I lost my career. Then my dad had a major stroke and was confined to a nursing home. Then my first significant relationship in sobriety broke up. By not drinking through these things, I learned how to turn to and trust in my Higher Power, and I learned I could make it through without picking up a drink.

Today, I know how to handle life on life's terms. While I may not always like what life has in store for me or others, I know that God will always give me the strength, the wisdom, or the acceptance to get through it. Today, I've come to rely on God to help me make it through life, and I know that He relies on me to make it through sober. While I know God never gives me more than I can handle, sometimes I just wish He didn't trust me so much!

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES



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

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

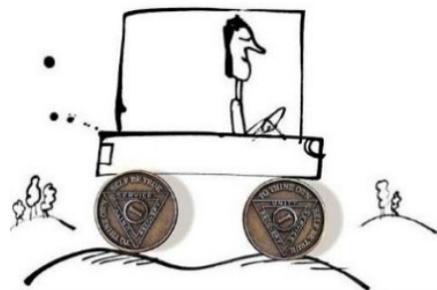
Gail P.	1 year
Nehemiah N.	2 years
Frankie D.	2 years
Danielle M.	6 years
J.D.	6 years
Debbie L.	12 years
Jackie R.	16 years
Janice G.	25 years

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

Chris C.	3 years
Greg B.	5 years
Bob H.	31 years

The Sober Nooners Group that meets at noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Old Schoolhouse Community Center announces this anniversary.

Jude F.	20 years
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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 Three

“Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.”



Tradition Three

“The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.”



Concept Three

“To ensure 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”

EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING



March 14th at 11:00 am
Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters
210B Tompkins St., Inverness

For Info contact: Steve P. at
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petersonsls@yahoo.com