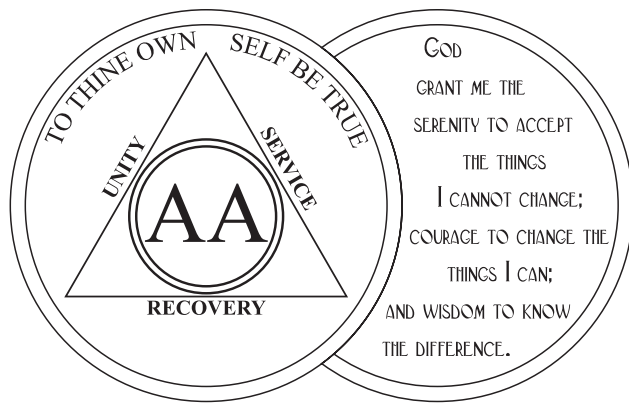


TODAY

Palm Beach County Intergroup Association

To serve our associated groups in carrying the A.A. message to the still suffering alcoholic according to the principles of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of A.A., always remembering that our common welfare comes first.



February 2017

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24 Hour AA Hotline 561-655-5700

On the 2nd Tradition

“For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority--
a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.”

Sooner or later, every A.A. comes to depend upon a Power greater than himself. He finds that the God of his understanding is not only a source of strength, He is also a source of positive direction. Realizing that some fraction of that infinite resource is now available, his life takes on an entirely different complexion. He experiences a new inner security together with such a sense of destiny and purpose as he had never known before. As each day passes, our A.A. reviews his mistakes and vicissitudes. He learns from daily experience what his remaining character defects are and becomes ever more willing that they be removed. In this fashion he improves his conscious contact with God.

Every A.A. group follows this same cycle of development. We are coming to realize that each group, as well as each individual, is a special entity, not quite like any other. Though A.A. groups are basically the same, each group does have its own special atmosphere, its own peculiar state of development. We believe that every A.A. group has a conscience. It is the collective conscience of its own membership. Daily experience informs and instructs this conscience. The group begins to recognize its own defects of character and, one by one, these are removed or lessened. As this process continues, the group becomes better able to receive right direction for its own affairs. Trial and error produce group experience, and out of corrected experience comes custom. When a customary way of doing things is definitely proved to be best, then that custom forms into A.A. Tradition. The Greater Power is then working through a clear group conscience.

We humbly hope and believe that our growing A.A. Tradition will prove to be the will of God for us.

Many people are coming to think that Alcoholics Anonymous is, to some extent, a new form of human society. In our discussion of the 1st Tradition, it was emphasized that we have, in A.A., no coercive human authority. Because each A.A., of necessity, has a sensitive and responsive conscience, and because alcohol will discipline him severely if he backslides, we are finding we have little need for man-made rules or regulations. Despite the fact that we do veer off at times on tangents, we are becoming more able to depend absolutely on the long-term stability of the A.A. group itself. With respect to its own affairs, the collective conscience of the group will, given time, almost surely demonstrate its perfect dependability. The group conscience will, in the end, prove a far more infallible guide for group affairs than the decision of any individual member, however good or wise he may be. This is a striking and almost unbelievable fact about Alcoholics Anonymous. Hence we can safely dispense with those exhortations and punishments seemingly so necessary to other societies. And we need not depend overmuch on inspired leaders. Because our active leadership of service can be truly rotating, we enjoy a kind of democracy rarely possible elsewhere. In this respect we may be, to a large degree, unique.

Therefore we of Alcoholics Anonymous are certain that there is but one ultimate authority, “a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience.”

Bill W.

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Financial Reports

Palm Beach County Institutions Committee Operating Report 01/01/2016 - 01/31/2017

Opening Balance Operating	\$5,773.76
Opening Balance Prudent Reserve	\$8,474.27
Revenues	
Group Donations	-
Interest	\$0.31
Big Book Ball	\$8,722.57
Total Revenues	\$8,722.88
Expenses	
Bank Charge	\$3.00
Rent	\$300.00
Big Book Ball	\$2,155.62
Literature	\$3,146.40
Printing	\$18.49
Total Expenses	\$5,623.51
Monthly Surplus/(Deficit)	\$3,099.37
Closing Balance Operating	\$4,821.82
Closing Balance Prudent Reserve	\$12,525.58

Office Activity for January

Requests for meetings info	135
12th Step requests	6
BTG	-
Other information	60
Public Information requests	-
Institutions Meeting requests	1
Visitors	323
Emails	249
Total Activity	774

Website Visits for January

Unique Visitors	10,076
1st Time Visitors	8,038
Returning Visitors	2,038

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Palm Beach County Intergroup Operating Report 1/01/2017 - 1/31/2017

Opening Balance Checking		\$7,034.77
Revenues		
Literature Sales	\$5,098.71	
Sales Tax	355.90	
Group Contributions	4,199.38	
New Year's Alcothon	498.02	
Birthday Club Memberships	35.00	
Meeting Baskets	67.00	
Total Revenues		\$10,254.01
Expenses		
Literature Purchases	\$2,561.00	
Sales Tax	274.76	
Credit Card Fees	65.98	
Alcothon Expenses	138.93	
Office Salary	3,633.67	
FICA & Unemployment Tax	547.97	
Paychex(monthly fee)	83.00	
Health Insurance	264.33	
General Commercial Liability Ins.	1,450.86	
Repair & Maintenance	149.15	
Rent & Water	475.00	
AT&T (Internet, Phone, Website)	339.45	
FP&L	109.76	
Office Supplies / Postage	51.79	
Total Expenses		\$10,145.65
Monthly Surplus / (Deficit)		\$108.36
Closing Balance Checking		\$7,143.13
Opening Balance Prudent Reserve		\$13,541.50
Prudent Reserve Interest		0.23
Closing Balance Prudent Reserve		\$13,541.73

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Standing Meetings

Institutions Committee meets on the First Sunday of every month at the Triangle Club at 1369 Okeechobee Road, West Palm Beach. For those interested in becoming involved, there is a mandatory orientation at 4:30 p.m. in Serenity room, which precedes our general meeting at 5:00 p.m. The Institutions Committee is always looking for volunteers. Join us! This is a great way to pass it on.

Intergroup meets at 6:15 pm on the Second Wednesday of every month at the Intergroup Office, 1371 Okeechobee Rd., West Palm Beach. Visitors are welcome. For more information please call the Intergroup Office at 655-5700.

District 8 General Service meets at the Triangle Club (1369 Okeechobee Rd, WPB) on the second Sunday this month @ 4:00 p.m.

Visitors are welcome. For more information please go to www.district8area15aa.com or call the Intergroup Office at 655-5700.

Upcoming Events

Locally

April 7- 9 Area 15 Quarterly Assembly

Boca Marriott

5150 Town Center Cir, Boca Raton, FL 33486 Phone: (561) 392-4600

More info <http://district8area15aa.org/>

May 11-14, 2017

Big Book Seminar, Boca Raton

www.bigbookseminar.org

Around the State

Jan.19, 2017

Spacecoast Round-up, Radisson Resort at the Port, 8701 Astronaut Blvd. 22 Port Canaveral. Registration \$30.00 thru

January 11th., \$35.00 after. For more info. go to www.aaspacecoast.org

Mar. 15-19 Florida Roundup 2017, The Deauville Beach Resort, 6701 Collins Avenue, Miami

Upcoming Events

33141. Registration \$70.00, For more info, or to register, go to: floridaroundup.org.

March 17th, 18th & 19th

Soberstock 2017 A 3-day weekend AA/Alanon/Alateen event featuring speakers, meetings, bands, food & fellowship. What to bring: Tents, blankets, coolers, chairs, lanterns, bug spray, snacks, NO PETS, NO cabins at this facility. "Camp Brorein" - 16901 Boy Scout Rd. Odessa, FL 33556 for more info: <http://soberstock.com/>

July 27 - July 30 2017

61st Florida State Convention

Speakers

Beth H, Cary NC

Chuck H, Cary NC

Cindy S, Helotes TX

Cushing P, Montgomery AL

Heather G, Powell TN

John S, Helotes TX

Pat Y, Palm Desert CA

Teresa F, Van Nuys CA

Workshops

Rule 62

The (Higher) Power of Prayer

We Agnostics & Free-Thinkers

Our Primary Purpose

Corrections – We Are

Responsible

Archives: Our History

Hyatt Regency Waterfront

Jacksonville, Florida 32241

www.floridastateconvention.com/

Around the Country

March 2-5, 2017 Lollapalooza

Philadelphia, PA Brought to you by:

Philly Speaker Group

Clancy I. – Los Angeles, CA

Bob D. – Las Vegas, NV

Mari G. – Toronto, Canada

Kent C. – Sandusky, OH

Georgia B. – Los Angeles, CA

Paul McQ. – Rockaway, NY

Jon B. – Las Vegas, NV

Al B. – Camden County, NJ

Billy N. – Atlanta, GA (Class B Trustee)

Dave D. – Bowie, MD

Elaine J. – Philadelphia, PA (Sepia)

Cynthia M. – Atlantic Group (Voice)

Conference will be held at the Hotel ML

Upcoming Events

in Marlton, NJ. Mention Lollapalooza for \$99/night rooms Call (856) 234-7300 for Reservations \$30 Registration and meal plans available at:

www.lollapaloozaofaa.org

Contact Chris B. with any questions (215)

384-8703 or Greg D. (856) 448-5735

Look to this Day (Tuesday, 9 am, Club Oasis) group needs support. come on by for a morning meeting.



Honey, the wreckage of your past is back."-Paul S., Fountain Hills, Ariz

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"Send Today to My Email"
in the subject line

Second Step Prayer

Heavenly Father, I know in my heart that only you can restore me to sanity. I humbly ask that you remove all twisted thought & Addictive behavior from me this day. Heal my spirit & restore in me a clear mind.

Steps • Traditions • Concepts

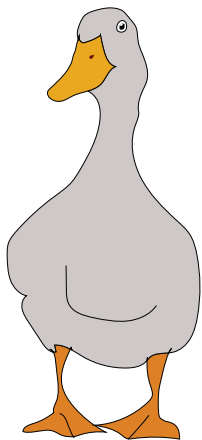
Step 2: Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Tradition 2: 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.

1. Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?
2. Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
3. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
4. Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?
5. Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
6. In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

Concept 2: 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.

1. Do we have an understanding of the history of the General Service Conference (the “Conference”)?
2. What is a Conference Advisory Action? Does our home group’s G.S.R., D.C.M., area delegate report back to the group on the highlights of the Conference and Conference Advisory Actions?
3. Is our group meeting its wider Seventh Tradition responsibilities? ▲



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who you
are**

**Does your group have an
upcoming AA event?
Send your submissions to
today@aa-palmbeachcounty.org**

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Birthday Club

January Anniversaries

Katlin M	5	years	Michelle H	26	years
John C	10	years	Thomas S	26	years
Kevin S	14	years	Quentin B	27	years
Michael G	16	years	Larry M	28	years
Steve Y	20	years	Barry B	32	years
Henry M	21	years	Beverly R	35	years

February Anniversaries

Matthew I	9	years	Dennis C	15	years
Andy B	9	years	Anita L	16	years
Angie S	10	years	Joanna S	26	years
Jim McK	12	years	Pamela B	29	years
Deb M	13	years	Claudia M	31	years