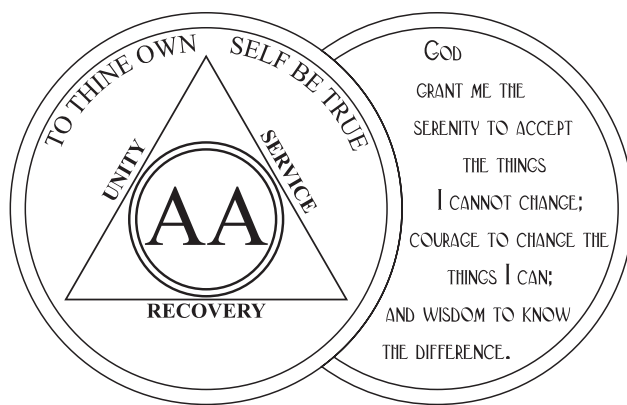


TODAY

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.



May 2017

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12 STEPS IN 30 MINUTES

Excerpts from the July 1953 Grapevine magazine.

AAs are always asking: "Where did the Twelve Steps come from?" In the last analysis, perhaps nobody knows. Yet some of the events which led to their formulation are as clear to me as though they took place yesterday.

So far as people were concerned, the main channels of inspiration for our Steps were three in number--the Oxford Groups, Dr. William D. Silkworth of Towns Hospital and the famed psychologist, William James, called by some the father of modern psychology. The story of how these streams of influence were brought together and how they led to the writing of our Twelve Steps is exciting and in spots downright incredible.

At length I began to write on a cheap yellow tablet. I split the word-of-mouth program up into smaller pieces, meanwhile enlarging its scope considerably. Uninspired as I felt, I was surprised that in a short time, perhaps half an hour, I had set down certain principles which, on being counted, turned out to be twelve in number. And for some unaccountable reason, I had moved the idea of God into the Second Step, right up front. Besides, I had named God very liberally throughout the other steps. In one of the steps I had even suggested that the newcomer get down on his knees

When this document was shown to our New York meeting the protests were many and loud. Our agnostic friends didn't go at all for the idea of kneeling. Others said we were talking altogether too much about God. And anyhow, why should there be twelve steps when we had done fine on six? Let's keep it simple, they said.

This sort of heated discussion went on for days and

nights. But out of it all there came a ten-strike for Alcoholics Anonymous. Our agnostic contingent, speared by Hank P. and Jim B., finally convinced us that we must make it easier for people like themselves by using such terms as "a Higher Power" or "God as we understand Him!" Those expressions, as we so well know today, have proved lifesavers for many an alcoholic. They have enabled thousands of us to make a beginning where none could have been made had we left the steps just as I originally wrote them. Happily for us there were no other changes in the original draft and the number of steps still stood at twelve. Little did we then guess that our Twelve Steps would soon be widely approved by clergymen of all denominations and even by our latter-day friends, the psychiatrists.

This little fragment of history ought to convince the most skeptical that nobody invented Alcoholics Anonymous.

It just grew. . .by the grace of God.

-- Bill W.

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Financial Reports

Palm Beach County Institutions Committee Operating Report 04/01/2016 - 04 /30/2017

Opening Balance Operating	\$6,377.24
Opening Balance Prudent Reserve	\$12,576.19
Revenues	
Group Donations	\$294.07
Interest	\$0.31
Big Book Ball	-
Total Revenues	\$294.38
Expenses	
Bank Charge	\$3.00
Rent	-
Big Book Ball	\$750.00
Literature	\$342.00
Printing	\$53.68
Total Expenses	\$1,148.68
Monthly Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(854.30)
Closing Balance Operating	\$5,497.63
Closing Balance Prudent Reserve	\$12,601.50

Office Activity for April

Requests for meetings info	119
12th Step requests	3
BTG	-
Other information	40
Public Information requests	-
Institutions Meeting requests	-
Visitors	273
Emails	213
Total Activity	648

Website Visits for April

Unique Visitors	8,895
1st Time Visitors	7,190
Returning Visitors	1,705

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Opening Balance Checking		\$9,193.23
Revenues		
Literature Sales	\$6,109.34	
Sales Tax	387.63	
Old Timers' Meeting (meeting basket)	281.00	
Group Contributions	4,252.67	
"Today" Subscriptions	6.00	
Birthday Club Memberships	105.00	
Meeting Baskets	52.00	
Florida Roundup (meeting basket)	215.67	
Total Revenues		\$11,409.31
Expenses		
Literature Purchases	\$2,420.80	
Sales Tax	447.56	
Credit Card Fees	47.88	
Old Timers' Meeting	378.45	
Office Salary	5,194.35	
FICA & Unemployment Tax	275.70	
Paychex(monthly fee)	83.00	
Health Insurance	264.33	
Rent & Water	475.00	
AT&T (Internet, Phone, Website)	348.70	
FP&L	128.06	
Exterminating	37.00	
Printing	231.00	
Office Supplies / Postage	141.25	
Total Expenses		\$10,473.08
Monthly Surplus / (Deficit)		\$936.23
Transfer to Prudent Reserve		(500.00)
Closing Balance Checking		\$9,629.46
Opening Balance Prudent Reserve		13,542.17
Transfer from Checking		500.00
Prudent Reserve Interest		0.23
Closing Balance Prudent Reserve		14,042.40



Sponsee: I have 5 years so 1 or 2 meetings a week and I'm good.
Sponsor: What about the newcomer, how's he doin'?

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

May 11-14, 2017

Big Book Seminar, Boca Raton
www.bigbookseminar.org

Around the State

**APRIL 22, 2017 Free
& Easy Group 38Th**

Anniversary Double Speaker and Eating Meeting Help us Celebrate with a Speaker, Raffle, Food, and Fellowship & Love at the Lutheran Memorial Church. Rt. 441 Or State Road 7, Hollywood, Florida 33021 (entrance is in the rear of the building).

May 13 Annual Oldtimers Meeting

District 9 Archives presents Annual Oldtimers Meeting Coffee, Desserts, 3 speakers - FREE NSU, Terry Bldg. 3200 N University Drive, Davie Contact Broward County Intergroup for more info.

Upcoming Events

May 20 Attitude Adjustment Group Speaker Breakfast

(MEXICAN STYLE) Doors open 8:00 am Breakfast between 8:30-9:30 am speaker 10:00 am. 50/50 RAFFLE Please bring a dish. Comer of Cove Road and A1A, 5150 SE Railway Avenue, Stuart

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

November 10-12

**4th Southern States
Alcoholics Anonymous
Service Assembly
(SSAASA)**

Sheraton Atlanta Airport
www.area15aa.org

Group Support

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

Lake Worth Serenity Group

meets each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Visit us and you'll stay! Lots of sobriety and support ... for young and old. We're at Holy Spirit Church, 1000 E. Lantana Road, east of I-95 .

A 5th Step Prayer

God, please help me to complete my housecleaning by admitting to another human being the exact nature of my wrongs. Please remove any fears I have about this step and show me how completion of it will remove my egotism and fear. Help me to see how this step builds my character through humility, fearlessness and honesty. Direct me to the right person who will keep my confidence and fully understand and approve what I am driving at. Then help me to pocket my pride and go to it, illuminating every twist of character, every dark cranny of the past so I may complete this step and begin to feel near to you."

VOLUNTEER

If you are waiting for a sign from God this could be it.

K.I.S.S.
Keep It Service
Sweetheart



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to get the Today
online or email
pbcregistrat@gmail.com with
"Send Today to My Email"
in the subject line to receive
it via email.

Steps • Traditions • Concepts

Step 5: Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Tradition 5: Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

1. Do I ever cop out by saying, “I’m not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn’t apply to me”?
2. Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the limitations of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?
3. Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?
4. Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?
5. Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose?
6. Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?

Concept 5: Throughout our structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

- Do we encourage the minority opinion, the “Right of Appeal”, to be heard at our home group, district committee meetings, area assemblies and the Conference?
- What does our group accept as “substantial unanimity”?
- Has our group experienced the “tyranny of the majority” or the “tyranny of the minority”?
- Does our group understand the importance of all points of view being heard before a vote is taken? ▲

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*Deadline for new submission for TODAY printing is the last Wednesday
one month prior to the month of your anniversary

Birthday Club

April Anniversaries

Carol G	6 years	Bonnie K. C.	10 years
Blanca T	6 years	Yves C	19 years
Michael K	6 years	Mike K	22 years
Lucinda B	6 years	Jack A	26 years
Bonnie M	7 years	Larry M	31 years
Bryan P	7 years	Mary Kaye B	32 years
Kit N	8 years	Artie B	50 years
Melinda J	9 years		

May Anniversaries

Lara B.	6 years	John T.	27 years
Mike S.	7 years	James L.	27 years
Len G.	7 years	Geri L.	30 years
Donna M.	9 years	Mary D.	32 years
Jaki N.	10 years	Cathy M.	33 years
Linda H.	12 years	Maryann M.	35 years
Daniel K.	14 years	Joyce C.	39 years
Karen C.	23 years	Robert F.	42 years
Helen B.	27 years	Joan H.	44 years