



ADD A LINE

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Northeast Florida Intergroup Newsletter

Happy Holidays

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**THE INTERGROUP
BUSINESS OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED**

At Noon on Dec. 24th
Reopen for Regular Hours
on Dec. 28th

At Noon on Dec. 31st
Reopen for Regular Business
on Jan. 4th 2016

THANK YOU

A Very Special
**THANK YOU
& APPRECIATION**

To all those Who
Chaired Committees
And to Those Volunteers
Who Put in So Many Hours of Work To Make
Our Gratitude Banquet
Such A Success !

Our Service Work to
Others Helps Keep
Us Sober
And is An Example to
Others For Their Sobriety

THANK YOU

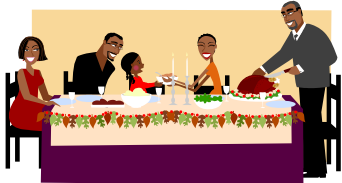
From Holly C. Co-Banquet Chair,
Linda G. Co-Banquet Chair
Amy C. Ticket Chair
And the Northeast Florida Intergroup Services
"Many Hands Make Light the Work"

Twelve Tips on Keeping Your Holiday Season Sober and Joyous

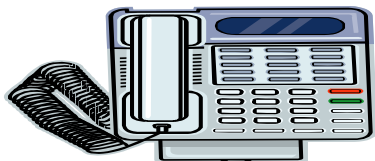
Holiday parties without liquid spirits may still seem a dreary prospect to new A.A.s. But many of us have enjoyed the happiest holidays of our lives sober—an idea we would never have dreamed of, wanted, or believed possible when drinking. Here are some tips for having an all-round ball without a drop of alcohol.



1. Line up extra A.A. activities for the holiday season. Arrange to take newcomers to meetings, answer the phones at a clubhouse or central office, speak, help with dishes, or visit the alcoholic ward at a hospital.



2. Be host to A.A. friends, especially newcomers. If you don't have a place where you can throw a formal party, take one person to a diner and spring for the coffee.



3. Keep your A.A. telephone list with you all the time. If a drinking urge or panic comes—postpone everything else until you've called an A.A. member.

AA. Holiday Meeting
ALKATHON



4. Find out about the special holiday parties, meetings, or other celebrations given by groups in your area, and go. If you're timid, take someone newer than you are.



5. Skip any drinking occasion you are nervous about. Remember how clever you were at excuses when drinking? Now put the talent to good use. No office party is as important as saving your life.



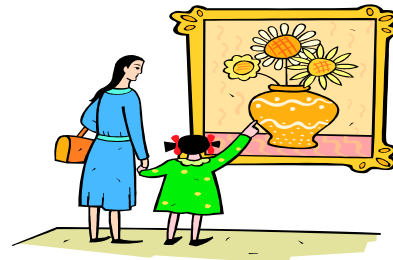
6. If you have to go to a drinking party and can't take an A.A. with you, keep some candy handy.



7. Don't think you have to stay late. Plan in advance an "important date" you have to keep.



8. Worship in your own way.



9. Don't sit around brooding. Catch up on those books, museums, walks, and letters.



10. Don't start now getting worked up about all those holiday temptations. Remember—"one day at a time."



11. Enjoy the true beauty of holiday love and joy. Maybe you cannot give material gifts—but this year, you can give love.



12. "Having had a ..." No need to spell out the Twelfth Step here, since you already know it.

Speaker Meeting

Jan. 02, 2016 Gateway's Dining Room
555 Stockton St., 8:00 am

All You Can Eat Breakfast — \$4.00

8:30 am Speaker Meeting
Speaker — Sue G.



BUSINESS MEETING
9:45 AM SAT., JAN. 2ND 2016
GATEWAY FRONT
CONFERENCE ROOM

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Time / Date</u>	<u>Location / Notes</u>
Archives	Noon, Mon., Dec. 7th, 2015	Intergroup office. 1st Monday of the Month
Finance	5:30 pm, Tues., Dec. 15th, 2015	Intergroup office. Please call the IG office at 399-8535 for more information.
Intergroup Steering Committee	5:30 PM, Tues., Dec. 22nd, 2015	Intergroup Office. All members are welcome to attend.
New Intergroup Rep Orientation	8:30 AM Sat, Jan. 2nd, 2015	Front Conference Room Gateway, 555 Stockton St.) To familiarize the new IG Reps with the flow of the Business Meeting, Parliamentary Procedures, Robert's Rules of Order, etc..

2015-2017 District Committee Contact and Meeting Info			
	<u>Position & Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Meeting Time, Day & Location</u>
District 1:	DCM - Steve H.	904-307-5518	3rd Tuesday @ 5:30pm each month at the NEFL Office
District 4:	DCM - Deb B	904-314-7155	7pm Every 3rd Thursday @The Amelia Room 906 S 7th St, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
District 3:	DCM- Anthony S.	904-302-1907	2nd Monday 6:30pm @ Anthony's house
District 6:	DCM- Chris B	904-501-0043 412-951-6910	1st Monday of each month @ 6:00pm @Flagler Hospital in Osceola Room
District 24:	DCM-Amy W.	386-538-2028	Meets the second Wed of every month @ 6:30pm Lion's Club-318 Oseola Ave, Palatka, FL 32177
District 25:	DCM-Chris P		Neptune Beach Library 2nd Wed @ 7:00pm (3rd Street)
District 30:	DCM - Jack B.	302-668-7553 714-661-3918	3rd Friday of each month @ 6:30pm First Christian 11924 San Jose Blvd

THRISTY THURSDAY

December Eating Meeting Change

We will have our potluck dinner at 6:30 PM, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17th. The eating meeting change is due to the Christmas and New Year Holidays. We meet at the United Church of Christ at 2858 Post Street at the corner of Post and Cherry Streets. Fix a covered dish and come and join us for fellowship.



"Things We Cannot Change....."

The following members will be fondly remembered and Sadly Missed...

Deborah B. - It's Come To This Group

Diane J. - Dist. 6 St. Augustine

2015 FOUNDERS DAY

TROUT RIVER GROUP

Sunday, December 6th, 2015

Menu: Fish, Chicken, Sides, and Desserts

2:00 PM — Eating

3:00 PM — Speaker - Janice J.

Feel Free to bring a side dish or a dessert.

INTERGROUP OFFICERS

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All articles due to Intergroup by the 18th of the month

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God, Grant me the Serenity

to accept the things I cannot change, the
Courage to change the things I can, and the
Wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, taking this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it,

Trusting that you will make all things right if I surrender to your will, so that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with you forever in the next. AMEN!

(attributed to Reinhold Neibuhr)



BANQUET FINANCIALS	Fall 2015	Fall 2014
Ticket sales	\$7,695.00	\$5,530.00
Cake Auciton	\$3,396.00	\$2,915.00
Raffle Sales	\$746.00	\$477.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$11,837.00	\$8,922.00
Less Expenses	(\$4,220.42)	(\$5,313.80)
NET INCOME	\$7,616.58	\$3,608.20



If it's Alcoholics Anonymous, why do you stand up and tell everyone your name?



New Beginnings Group Changes
Old Location 10365 Old St Augustine Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32257 (Christian Family Chapel)

New Location & Time 8:00PM
11924 San Jose Blvd (First Christian Church of Mandarin)

new time

INTERGROUP OFFICE LOG		
INTERGROUP OFFICE LOG	Oct 2015	Oct 2014
A. A. Information	212	117
Administrative & Other Information	87	57
12 Step Calls	3	3
Visitors to the Office	138	83

NEW MEETING

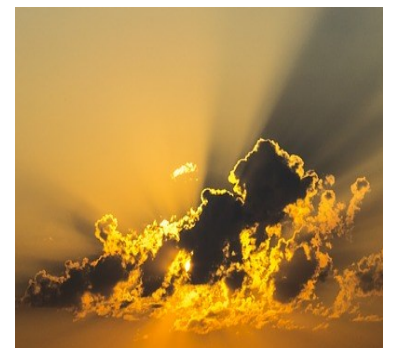
Spiritual Awakenings

~~~ A Women's AA Big Book And 12 & 12 Study Meeting. ~~~

Every Thursday Evening  
6:30 pm ~ 7:30 pm

Christ Episcopal Church Room 204  
400 san Juan Avenue, Ponte Vedra Beach

For Further Information, please call Susan S. at 373-0053



# T W E L V E

## STEP

*"Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs."*

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## TRADITION

*"Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."*

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## CONCEPT

*The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.*

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### **12th Step Call List Volunteers Needed**

What will I be doing? Most of the time you will just be talking to them on the phone and then perhaps meeting them at a meeting. However, there are times when it could

be necessary to get another person and actually go out and do a 12-Step call. You will only be contacted by the Intergroup Office or Phone Army. You can do your service work in the area of Jacksonville you specify.

*"You can't keep it unless you give it away."*

*For further information contact the Intergroup Office at 399-8535 or email them at [neflintergroup@gmail.com](mailto:neflintergroup@gmail.com)*

### ***BECOME A FAITHFUL FIVER***

*Faithful Fivers are members who contribute \$5.00 or more a month directly to the Intergroup Office to help support Intergroup ability to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.*

*The Program came about when members remember wasting more than \$5.00 drinking. It is a small contribution to the program that has saved so many. In return, the Faithful Fivers are printed each month in the Add-A-Line.*



## **\$ 5. FAITHFUL FIVERS \$ 5.**

- |                   |                   |                       |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Bob C.</i>     | <i>Charlie M.</i> | <i>Christopher G.</i> |
| <i>Faith L.</i>   | <i>Fred H.</i>    | <i>Holly C.</i>       |
| <i>John G..</i>   | <i>Mary M-C.</i>  | <i>Michael H.</i>     |
| <i>Michael S.</i> | <i>Rick T.</i>    | <i>Sam L.</i>         |
| <i>Ski V.</i>     | <i>Steve H.</i>   | <i>Susan I</i>        |
|                   | <i>Walter S.</i>  |                       |

**NEFL Intergroup Faithful Fivers Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my contribution for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ months

Suggested: Annually \$60, Quarterly \$15, Monthly \$5.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, please email us at:  
[neflintergroup@gmail.com](mailto:neflintergroup@gmail.com)

Please make checks payable to:  
Northeast Florida Intergroup, 3128 Beach Blvd,  
Jacksonville, FL 32207

To enroll in automatic payment, please call the



# Celebrating Sobriety



| <u>GROUP</u>                    | <u>OCTOBER 2015</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fernandina Beach                | Sheila F. – 29 yrs. Robin C. – 25 yrs. Dee C. – 18 yrs. Eugene F. -- 18 yrs.<br>Marc A. -- 10 yrs. Mary Jane P. – 10 yrs. Gloria C. – 6 yrs. Carol W. – 5 yrs.<br>Carolyn A. – 5 yrs. Tommy A. – 5 yrs. John K – 2 yrs. |
| Free To Be                      | Kyle R. -- 5 yrs.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| I Am Responsible                | Lisa K. -- 28 yrs,                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <u>GROUP</u>                    | <u>NOVEMBER 2015</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Central                         | Harry M. – 20 yrs. Jennie – 2 yrs.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Dist. 6<br>St. Augustine        | Helen B. -- 34 yrs. Mary Lou M. -- 29 yrs. Carol Ann R. -- 28 yrs. Debbie M. -- 20 yrs.<br>Renee --19 yrs. Dennis B. -- 18 yrs. Kathy M. -- 8 yrs. Gina H. -- 6 yrs.<br>Greg M. -- 6 yrs. Chris Bl. -- 4 yrs.           |
| Eastside                        | Delphine L. -- 40 yrs. Stanley -- 21 yrs. Larry B. -- 19 yrs.                                                                                                                                                           |
| Fernandina Beach                | Dave B. -- 35 yrs. Barbara B. --27 yrs. Pam B. -- 5 yrs. Todd H. -- 2 yrs.<br>Heidi -- 1 yr. La Tasha -- 1 yr. Roy C. -- 1 yr.                                                                                          |
| Fiesta                          | Evonne -- 12 yrs., Valerie -- 11 yrs., Vena -- 1 yr.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Free To Be                      | Kevin K. -- 26 yrs. Rico B. -- 14 yrs. Selecia Y.-J. -- 12 yrs. Michael W. -- 2 yrs.                                                                                                                                    |
| I Am Responsible                | Sparky H. -- 37 yrs. Bob H. -- 34 yrs. Bob D. -- 9 years                                                                                                                                                                |
| Mandarins Women                 | Deborah -- 31 yrs. Gwen -- 28 yrs.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Orange Park                     | Harry M. -- 20 yrs. Paul K. -- 18 yrs. Don M. -- 12 yrs. Mike T. -- 15 yrs.<br>Mike V. -- 11 yrs. Beth C. -- 11 yrs. Greg C. -- 9 yrs. Lisa K. -- 4 yrs. Amy P. -- 3 yrs.<br>John D. -- 2 yrs.                          |
| Surrender To Win                | Marilyn G. -- 26 years                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Third Street<br>Third Tradition | Marianna S. -- 8 yrs.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Westside                        | Steve V. – 30 yrs. Bill E. – 28 yrs. Bruce M. 25 yrs. Dale V. – 20 yrs.<br>Judy R. – 15 yrs. John B. –15 yrs. Mike W. – 13 yrs. Monica D. – 13 yrs.<br>Casey L. – 13 yrs. Don Mc. – 12 yrs. Scott C. – 11 yrs.          |



**NEW DEADLINE FOR  
ADD A LINE ARTICLES AND  
BIRTHDAY SUBMISSIONS**  
Too many late submissions for the  
Add A Line are occurring. There-  
fore the new deadline date for  
articles and birthdays is the 18th

**B I R T H D A Y**  
**C L U B**

Fred H. 32 yrs. Marilyn G. 26





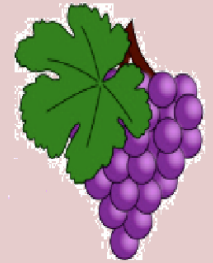
The Northeast Florida Intergroup Steering Committee is committed to providing the Alcohol Anonymous community with proper and timely financial information. Unfortunately the transition to a new bookkeeping system has not gone as smoothly as hoped; consequently we cannot provide reliable Financial Statements for October 2015 at this time. The Steering Committee is confident that we will be able to provide reliable Financial Statements for October & November at the January 2016 meeting.

Thank you for your patience. —NEFLIG Steering Committee



**HEARD AT A MEETING**  
 WHEN YOU CAME TO ALCOHOLICS  
 ANONYMOUS WERE YOU AN ALCOHOLIC ?  
 OR WERE YOU  
 JUST SOBRIETY IMPAIRED ?

**Heard it through the Grapevine**  
**December, 2015**



Hi, I'm Cheryl Ann L., and it's my pleasure to serve you as your Intergroup Grapevine Committee Chairperson. What a beautiful time of year this season of joy and celebration can be! Some of us follow traditional religious celebrations and others simple spiritual beliefs. But whatever meaningful personal concepts you have chosen for yourself, it is hard not to feel the contagious happiness that surrounds us this month. I know too though, that many of us as alcoholics also experience thoughts and fears for our sobriety and recovery amongst the celebrations. How will I handle that family gathering, neighborhood party, or work event sober? Must I reveal my alcoholism or explain my non-drinking choices to others? Should I even go and if so, how long should I stay? Am I carrying forward anger and resentments to these celebrations which color my attitude? So many potential dilemmas, especially when I review my past behavior in these same situations when I was drinking. Believe me, I wouldn't even think of handing out advice here, but I can share what has worked for me in the past. To overcome my fears, I have talked to my sponsor, made careful choices as to what events I think I can handle alone, and honestly looked for spiritual support to guide me through these celebrations. And yes, there is one thing I heard at a meeting which gave me a different perspective on my own attitude towards the holiday season. Quite simply, "In the present moment, I can be open to infinite possibilities". How about if I showed up with my best recovery face on, left my fears behind, and let the spirit guide me? What exciting possibilities could occur if I lived in the moment and expected the best? I know it sounds easy, but what have I got to lose? So with that thought, many wishes to you for a wonderful and joyous holiday and a bright, sparkling New Year.

Please consider a personal subscription to the Grapevine for yourself or a friend. Possibly your group has more than a "prudent reserve" in funds and you may consider buying a few subscriptions for your group to share amongst members. And don't forget that the Grapevine Website also offers extensive achieves on AA's history and writings as well as other books and items not available on AA's Website. To find information on monthly Grapevine subscriptions please go to [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org) or 1-800-631-6025.

Jan 16. 2016  
 2 PM — 6 PM  
 San Marco Club  
 1423 San Marco Blvd  
 Jacksonville, FL  
**YOU'RE INVITED**  
 In celebration of 75  
 Years of AA in Florida!  
 We will have speakers, displays,  
 cake and coffee



**FIRST AA MEETING HELD**  
**HERE JAN. 1941**

**75 YEARS IN FLORIDA**

# Joining In & Having a Say!

## Intergroup Representatives & Intergroup Monthly Membership Meetings.

One Intergroup Representative is chosen by each AA Group to represent it at monthly meetings. Intergroup Representatives, as a group, make decisions on issues facing the membership of our organization, give direction to the Intergroup Steering Committee about carrying out the business of Northeast Florida Intergroup, and carry information back to their groups. Every group should appoint an Intergroup Representative. Ask who your group's representative is. Monthly meetings are held at Gateway Center on Stockton Street 9:45 AM, the first Saturday of the month. These meetings are open to all AA members, but only the group representatives may vote.



### ONE CALL AMONG MANY on an intergroup's line:

"What kind of an outfit are you AAs running anyhow? I sent my husband to you two years ago and you haven't done anything yet!" "What do you mean?" "Well, he tells me you haven't voted him in or even sent him a membership application yet. And he sure ain't getting' any better waiting' for y'all." "I'm sorry, ma'm, but nobody gets voted into AA and the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. We have no dues or fees for membership, so if he really wants to quit all he has to do is give us a call." "Then he ain't nothin' but a damned big liar." "That's one symptom, ma'm."

Buzz P. Ind. Grapevine, Ham on Wry., Dec, 1995

## **STEP 12**

"Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs. "

### **TWELFTH STEP PRAYER:**

Dear God, My spiritual awakening continues to unfold. The help I have received I shall pass on and give to others, both in and out of the fellowship. For this opportunity I am grateful. I pray most humbly to continue walking day by day on the road of spiritual progress. I pray for inner strength and wisdom to practice the principles of this way of life in all I do and say. I need You, my friends, and the Program every hour of every day. This is a better way to live. Yes, I need and use this program every day and am so grateful for Alcoholics Anonymous. Each day is an opportunity to grow and God teaches me lessons in so many ways. When I am spiritually fit and learning lessons I can pass on help to others. God please keep me teachable.

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