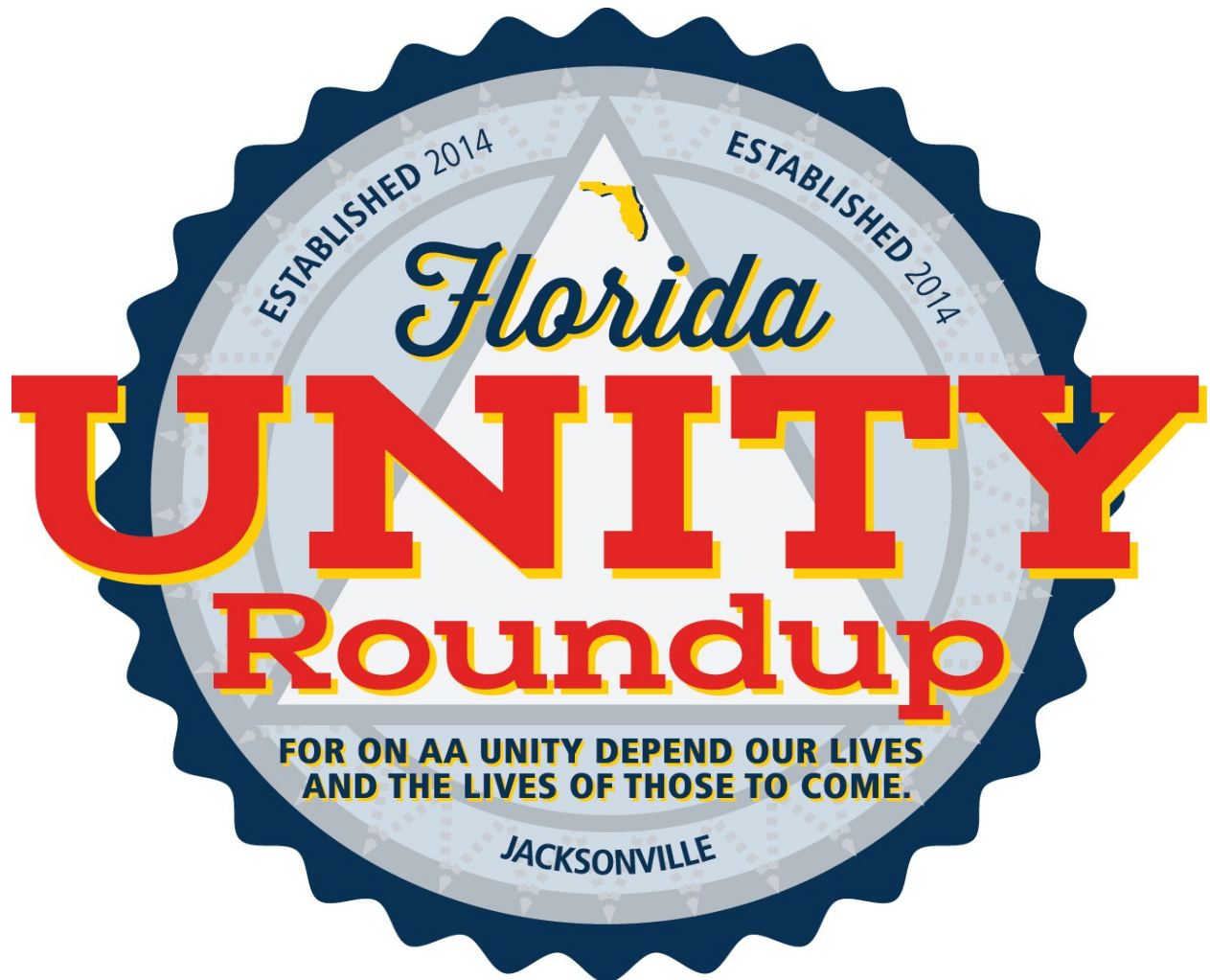


ADD A LINE



Coming October 5, 6 & 7th

The 5th Annual Florida Unity Roundup will be held at the Lexington Hotel on the Southbank Riverwalk 1515 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville FL

Please register: www.floridaunityroundup.com

Use the link to reserve your hotel room and banquet choices

SPEAKERS: Matt M.-WA, Sue L-PA,
Sheila A.-AZ, Tim H.-KY, Cindy M.-KY

**Fun Workshops, Saturday Night Banquet
and Entertainment !**

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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INTERGROUP OFFICE

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www.neflaa.org

Office hours: Mon thru Fri 9am - 5pm
 1st Sat. of the month 1 pm - 4 pm

OFFICE LOG

JULY	2018	2017
AA Calls	225	199
Admin / Other	49	47
12 Step Calls	8	1
Visitors	145	123

Please Note: The IG office will be Closed for Labor Day, Monday, September 3rd, 2018

INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP & BREAKFAST MEETING



Saturday, October 6th

Gateway's Dining Room

555 Stockton St.

8 :00 am ~ Breakfast Buffet

Only \$4 per person

8:30 am ~ Speaker Mtg.

GUEST SPEAKER: DOUG J.

**Join us at 9:45 am for our
 Monthly Business Meeting**

(in the back Conference room)

NEFL COMMITTEE INFO

STEERING COMMITTEE

Meets at 5:30 PM Tuesday, Sept. 25
 At The Intergroup Office
 Any AA member is welcome to attend!

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meets at 5:30 PM, October 9th At The Intergroup Office
 Any AA member is welcome to attend!

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

MEETS at the IG OFFICE at NOON on October 1st

CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE

MEETS EVERY FIRST THURSDAY
 After the Monthly Saturday. I.G. Meeting
 6pm @ 711 St. Johns Bluff Road
 For Info on orientation and qualifications
 Call Freddy S. 904-226-3712

2018 ORIENTATION

FOR PRE-QUALIFIED APPLICANTS
 A.A. IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

September 12th at 4PM (Check in is at 3:30)
 500 East Adams Street
 Pre-trial Detention Center (Jail)



For Info on orientation and qualifications
 Call Freddy S. 904-226-3712
 or Gayle E. 904-655-3881

2018–2019 District Committee Contact and Meeting Info

	Position & Name	E-mail	Phone	Day, Time & Location
District 1:	DCM-Lon L.	lon@rpmautomotive.com	904-710-7201	3rd Tuesday of month @ NEFL Intergroup Office 7:45pm Every 3rd Thursday @ The Amelia Room 906 S 7th St, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
District 4:	DCM-Peter C.	ppjcart@gmail.com	516-521-6830	
District 3:	DCM- Ron X.	vexicity@gmail.com	772-349-7376	3rd Sunday 2:30PM @ Clay County Club 1st Monday of month 6:00pm @Flagler Hospital-Osceola Rm
District 6:	DCM- Marty C.	dcmdist6@gmail.com	919-622-4010	2nd Wed of month 6:30pm @ St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 200 Main Street, Palatka, FL
District 24:	DCM-Diane S.	diane.taurus@gmail.com	386-546-3404	
District 25:	DCM-Glenn G	justgg@aol.com	904-233-6258	2nd Wed 7:00pm @ Neptune Beach Library (3rd Street) Meets Monthly at 9 am, 4th Sat of the month, Fruit Cove Baptist Church 210 Ridgecrest Lane, Jax, FL
District 30:	DCM-Jack G.	Call IG office for address	714-661-3918	

ANONYMOUS, BUT NOT INVISIBLE! MASQUERADE BALL 2018

October 27th, 2018 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Mandarin United Methodist Church in the Kasey Mogle Fellowship Hall. 11270 San Jose Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32223

Are you ready to have some fun in the fellowship? Come join us for an event-packed evening of speakers, decorations, food, dancing and more! The Northeast Florida Intergroup services CPC/PI committee presents: "Anonymous, But Not Invisible" Masquerade Ball.

There is no cost to the attendees for this event and intergroup will provide dinner to all of the attendees.

Guests are encouraged to bring a dessert (if possible). When was the last time you had a chance to dress up in a costume? We encourage all attendees to come in their own costume. For those that don't have a costume we will have some masks at the door. The purpose of this event is to have some fun and at the same time increase awareness of what it really means to be anonymous in AA.

So many folks have a misconstrued view of what anonymity really means in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Yes, we are Anonymous. But we Are Not Invisible.

There will be a 50/50 raffle and also a costume contest.

**6:00 – 7:15pm = Opening and panel speakers 7:15 pm = Dinner 8:00 pm = Dance 8:30 pm = Costume contest
 8:45 pm = 50/50 raffle drawing 9:00 pm = Closing**

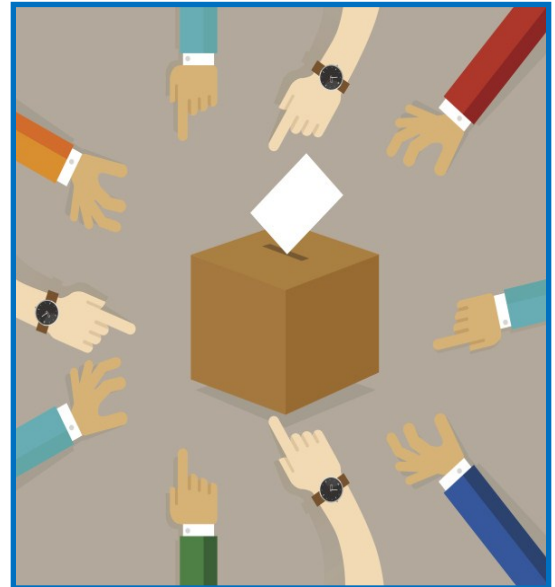
If you would like to volunteer or have any questions about this event, please email service4unity@gmail.com

INTERGROUP OFFICERS ELECTION IN NOVEMBER

If you are interested in standing for an Intergroup Officer position, elections will be held in November of this year. Rotation of officers will take place immediately after the beginning of the December Intergroup business meeting.

All interested persons should submit their names for consideration prior to and/or at the October Intergroup business meeting. Terms are for 2 years with a suggested minimum of 5 years sobriety and previous Intergroup experience. Please furnish a short resume listing your various types of Intergroup service.

See the current Intergroup By-Laws for additional information.



Add A Line EDITOR NEEDED!

In the Spirit of Rotation, I will be stepping down in December, as editor for the ADD-A-LINE newsletter. We are looking for someone to replace me in 2019 and carry the AAL forward. Candidates need to be familiar with Microsoft Publisher (or a comparable program), creative and willing to attend the monthly I.G. meetings, as the AAL is a committee and you will be the chair. You will also have a vote on I.G. Business as a committee chair. **Contact me (Luke S.) at nefladdaline@gmail.com** if you are interested in filling this rewarding service role. Please have at least 2 years sobriety, can meet a deadline, and active in A.A. The position is traditionally a two year term.



THE SPIRIT OF ROTATION

For many of us in the fellowship, service work is an integral part of our individual programs. Service work takes many simple forms, from reading at meetings, to making coffee after meetings, to sponsorship. There are also more formal kinds of volunteer service work, such as speaking at treatment centers, becoming a group officer, or being involved in the running of the fellowship at the Intergroup, District, or Area level.

One aspect of service work which is often overlooked, but suggested by our literature, is called the “Principal of Rotation”. The Principle of Rotation, traditionally, ensures that group tasks, like nearly everything else in A.A., are passed around for all to share. With no A.A. “status” at stake, we needn’t compete for titles or praise—we have complete freedom to serve as we are needed. The idea is simple: People should rotate in and out of service in whatever capacity they serve, at the Intergroup level, the Group level or even simply chairing or speaking at meetings on a regular basis. It is easy to give in to the idea that “No one else will do it if I don’t” or even more dangerous, “No one else will do it as well as me”. The fact is that there are a multitude of people who are willing to provide service and they come with varying degrees of ability. To deny individuals opportunities to serve by holding on to a particular service tasks can be selfish and egotistical, even if it appears there are no other qualified candidates. The fellowship and service structure will run with or without any one particular individual.

To step out of an A.A. office you love can be hard. It can be a real step forward in growth for some people, the spiritual essence of anonymity. Many outgoing service position holders find it rewarding to take time to share their experience with the incoming person. Rotation helps to bring us spiritual rewards far more enduring than any fame.

So for those in service to the fellowship please consider the spirit of rotation and how growth in humility can be attained by stepping aside and letting others take the lead.

Don P. August, 2018

Grab your friends and head over to The Trout River Club



For a Whale of a time at our fish Fry!



Tickets \$10/each



Saturday September 8, 2018
Eat from 1-2 P.M.
Speaker Meeting from 2-3 P.M.



WHAT IS INTERGROUP?

We invite you to come find out!!

September 9, 2018
Sunday, 1-3 p.m.
Jaba Club
3645 Spring Park Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32207

POTLUCK

Bring a dish if you wish!!
* Food * Fun * Fellowship *

Hope to see you there!!

Language of the Heart, meeting change.
Monday 6:30 pm is now
A Step Discussion Meeting.

There will be a panel of three speakers who have been involved with Intergroup who will share their experience. We will also provide an Ask It Basket, so you can feel free to ask all those questions about Intergroup you have always been wondering!

Again, it is a potluck so please come, bring a dish (with food), and share your culinary expertise with others!! No desserts please, those will be provided by the districts!

Sponsored in part by District 1, 3, 4, 6, 24, 25, & 30

District 1 4th Annual
FALL PICNIC
Saturday, September 15, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Tree Hill Nature Center
(Amphitheater)
7152 Lone Star Road (EAST GATE)

District 1 will provide ribs burgers & hot dogs on the grill and we asking everyone to bring side dish and/or dessert. Our theme this year is sponsorship and the fun day will include FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, 50/50, GAMES! Also, we can visit the petting zoo, trails & the botanical gardens.

Everyone is welcome
Please join US!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Spaghetti Dinner
celebrating
Fernandina Beach Primary Purpose Group
Second Annual
Anniversary Dinner
Saturday, September 15, 2018

Doors open at 4 • Speaker at 5:15 • Dinner at 6:15 • Speaker at 7:15
\$10.00 per person • Limited Seating - Get Your Tickets Early
BURNS HALL at ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
801 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach

2 GREAT SPEAKERS:
RON B. - TAMPA & HOLLY D. - JACKSONVILLE

GREAT FOOD • GREAT FELLOWSHIP
GREAT VENUE • 50/50 RAFFLE
GREAT FUN!



For more information or to purchase tickets contact any FBPPG member or call or text
Bill S. 904-422-8106
Jonathan 904-556-3468
Lana 904-556-4489
Virginia 904-314-8524

Dallas Format Big Book Study Meetings
7 pm on Sundays
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Room 203

Request to join our Facebook Group - FB PPG

AUGUST



BIRTHDAYS

Winners Group

- Pat S. 29
- Carla G. 7
- Mark P. 2
- Mary Ann P. 2

Fiesta Group

- Joe N. 30
- Forrest A. 21
- Randy Z. 5
- Jodi S. 4
- Dana H. 3
- Doug G. 1

Beaches Unity

- George L. 40
- Lynn K. 36
- Jim L. 32
- Tony H. 31
- Joe McD. 30
- Denise. 30
- Morgan. 27
- Bonnie R. 23
- Glad. 22
- Al. 18
- Carl. 17
- Julie. 16
- Linda. 15
- Fred K. 13
- Suzanne M. 11
- Suki. 10

- Laura T. 8
- Erik. 8
- Robert T. 6
- Mark C. 5
- Sundance F. 4
- Alet. 4
- Bill S. 3
- Tracee TR. 3
- Matthew S. 3
- Christine. 2
- Joe W. 2
- Renee A. 1
- Teresa LaR. 1
- JR. 1
- Rizzo. 1
- Beth. 1
- Martha. 1

Wesconnett Group

- Nicole B. 1
- Dan P. 10
- David K. 2
- John S. 2

St. Nicholas Group

- Kelsey Ann J. 1
- Kit L. 10
- Bob C. 1
- Michael S. 12
- Forrest A. 21

- Cindy S. 9
- Mike B. 4
- Dean E. 21
- Jeff K. 11
- Robbie C. 29
- Cindy R. 11
- Carry B. 27
- Ann S. 4
- Vicki T. 26
- Michael C. 7
- Michael B. 4
- Rocky S. 16
- Brad C. 2
- Jason B. 17
- Chico O. 2
- Atwood F. 36

Central Group

- Holly C. 12 (July)
- Christ T. 10 (July)
- Malkah. 36
- Mike D. 33
- Randy O. 11
- Ed. B. 5

Arlington Group

- Robert H. 11
- Melanie S. 2
- Terry F. 25
- Cliff. 8
- Eddie P. 2

- Tracy H. 1
- Christal T. 2
- Elizabeth C. 1
- John E. 2
- Cheyenne. 7
- Mike G. 35
- Callie M. 1

This Too Shall Pass

- Shayna Kay. 6
- Mary D. 11

Switzerland Group

- Bill D. 8
- Brent M. 4
- Jack B. 32
- Jon M. 1
- Mike G. 15
- Nycole P. 30
- Mandarin Women**
- Brandy. 3 (June)
- Barbara. 7 (July)
- Caty. 11
- Shella. 24
- Sharon. 39

I Am Responsible

- Fred W. 19
- Joanne N. 36
- Mike C. 5

- Billy Goat Hill**
- Tracey F. 2
 - Kit L. 10
 - Mary D. 11



The Following Member Will Be Fondly Remembered And Sadly Missed.

Ernie K.

Home Groups, Fiesta and St. Nicholas

WORD SEARCH : THE TWELVE TRADITIONS OF A.A.

U R X E E N U K Y Y T I M Y N O N A C Q G N N G B
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ALL THE WORDS ARE CONTAINED IN THE TWELVE TRADITIONS.

- ANONYMITY
- ATTRACTION
- AUTONOMOUS
- COMMITTEES
- CONTROVERSY
- MEMBERSHIP
- NONPROFESSIONAL
- PERSONALITIES
- PRINCIPLES
- PURPOSE
- RECOVERY
- SERVANTS
- SPIRITUAL
- TRADITIONS
- WELFARE

BALANCES AS OF JULY 31, 2018

Checking/Savings	
1020 · Vystar - Checking	\$14,909.42
1022 · Vystar Savings	\$10.00
1024 · Cash in Drawer	\$186.85
Total Checking/Savings	\$15,106.27
1360 · Inventory	\$13,758.14
1400 · Prudent Reserve	
1476 · Regions Bank - CD #001	\$20,000.00
1481 · Regions Bank - CD #002	\$10,000.00
1486 · Regions Bank - CD #003	\$6,000.00
Total 1400 · Prudent Reserve	\$36,000.00

FAITHFUL FIVERS



Anonymous
Susan I
Samuel L

JULY FINANCIALS

July 2017 and July 2018 Profit and Loss

	Jul 18	Jan - Jul 18	Jul 17	Jan - Jul 17
Income				
4000 · Contribution Income				
4002 · Groups	6,390.74	29,845.58	6,517.95	30,317.68
4003 · Pink Can Contribution	167.63	911.19	112.15	1,032.94
4005 · Faithful Five	20.00	185.00	20.00	280.00
4006 · Birthdays	\$36.00	\$99.00		\$78.00
4007 · Other Contributions		\$160.35		\$144.14
4008 · Anonymous	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.34	\$360.84
4010 · IG Breakfast/Speaker Mtg	\$33.00	\$411.75	\$68.00	\$372.63
4011 · Florida AA Archives Workshop		\$426.81		
4012 · Donations - Website				
Total 4000 · Contribution Income	\$6,797.37	\$32,189.68	\$6,718.44	\$32,586.23
4020 · Retail Income	\$7,982.87	\$35,175.34	\$7,654.53	\$35,448.88
4040 · Monthly IG Mtg / Otr				
4042 · Business Meeting	\$28.25	\$277.50	\$37.15	\$297.90
Total 4040 · Monthly IG Mtg / Otr	\$28.25	\$277.50	\$37.15	\$297.90
4060 · Income - Special Events				
4062 · Banquet		\$7,500.00		\$5,751.00
4064 · Spring Banquet Donations		\$60.00		
4065 · Cake Auction		\$6,495.00		\$2,480.00
4067 · Raffle Tickets		\$744.00		\$725.00
Total 4060 · Income - Special Events		\$14,799.00		\$8,956.00
Total Income	\$14,808.49	\$82,441.52	\$14,410.12	\$77,289.01
Cost of Goods Sold				
4510 · Cost of Retail Sales	\$6,655.88	\$25,833.17	\$6,233.40	\$26,776.17
5001 · Cost of Revenues - Other				
4540 · Cost of Event - Banquet Expense		\$6,836.75		\$6,297.09
5215 · IG Business Meeting Expense	\$28.25	\$277.50	\$37.15	\$297.90
5005 · S & H		\$28.36		
5195 · CC Fees	\$183.47	\$1,151.49	\$83.65	\$725.30
5280 · Pink Can Expense				\$512.84
5290 · IG Breakfast Expense	\$40.87	\$157.12		\$88.62
5990 · POS Inventory Adjustments	(\$138.49)	\$403.69	\$120.90	\$120.90
Total 5001 · Cost of Revenues - Other	\$114.10	\$8,854.91	\$241.70	\$8,042.65
Total COGS	\$6,769.98	\$34,688.08	\$6,475.10	\$34,818.82
Gross Profit	\$8,038.51	\$47,753.44	\$7,935.02	\$42,470.19
Expense				
6560 · Wages				
6560 · Wages - Other	\$1,955.18	\$13,436.86	\$1,511.76	\$17,077.73
Total 6560 · Wages	\$1,955.18	\$13,436.86	\$1,511.76	\$17,077.73
6561 · PTO		\$200.00		
6565 · Payroll Taxes	\$175.54	\$1,225.37	\$115.95	\$1,429.10
Total 60000 · Salaries and Benefits	\$2,130.72	\$14,862.23	\$1,627.71	\$18,506.83
61000 · Office Expense				
Total 61000 · Office Expense	\$579.18	\$6,867.92	\$662.48	\$3,668.19
62000 · Facilities and maintenance				
Total 62000 · Facilities and maintenance	\$1,560.75	\$9,285.55	\$1,481.13	\$8,880.87
5300 · When & Where Cost		\$2,280.00	\$2,023.19	\$3,115.12
55000 · Committees Expense				
5521 · Archives - General Budget	\$206.25	\$565.64		\$1,145.62
Total 5520 · Archives	\$206.25	\$565.64		\$1,145.62
5530 · CPC/PI	\$35.42	\$665.32		\$491.68
5540 · Corrections	\$2.25	\$5,240.85	\$2,255.00	\$6,574.19
5560 · Newsletter	\$229.00	\$1,717.49	\$343.49	\$2,582.45
5570 · Phone Army		\$122.97		
5590 · Treatment	\$2.80	\$76.98		\$28.45
5595 · Website	\$189.00	\$189.00		
Total 55000 · Committees Expense	\$664.72	\$8,578.25	\$2,598.49	\$10,822.39
70900 · Business Expenses				
5145 · Advertising	\$51.00	\$357.00	\$51.00	\$357.00
5220 · Dues/Fees/Licenses		\$61.25		\$61.25
Total 70900 · Business Expenses	\$51.00	\$418.25	\$51.00	\$418.25
62100 · Contract Services				
5200 · Professional Fees	\$250.00	\$3,300.00		\$225.00
Total 62100 · Contract Services	\$250.00	\$3,300.00		\$225.00
65100 · Other Expenses				
6150.0 - Bad Debt				\$25.00
68300 · Travel and Meetings				
5235 · Training		\$30.00		
Total 68300 · Travel and Meetings		\$30.00		
6999 · Uncategorized Expenses				
Total Expense	\$5,236.37	\$45,622.20	\$8,444.00	\$45,661.65
Net Ordinary Income	\$2,802.14	\$2,131.24	(\$508.98)	(\$3,191.46)
Other Income/Expense				
73050 · Interest Income	\$0.92	\$10.87	\$21.56	\$165.19
6310 · Sales Tax Collection Allowance		\$24.76	\$5.54	\$43.76
6301 · Cash Short/Over POS			\$21.42	(\$5.95)
Total 73000 · Other Income	\$0.92	\$35.63	\$48.52	\$203.00
Total Other Income	\$0.92	\$35.63	\$48.52	\$203.00
Net Income	\$2,803.06	\$2,166.87	(\$460.46)	(\$2,988.46)

JULY 2018 GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

GROUP	JULY 2018	JULY 2018 YTD	Att.	GROUP	JULY 2018	JULY 2018 YTD	Att.	GROUP	JULY 2018	JULY 2018 YTD	Att.
11th Step Meeting		\$25.00		Jax Beaches YPG	\$237.00	\$737.00		St. Nicholas Group	\$28.00	\$709.00	X
A Design for Living		\$194.50		Jax Men's Group			X	Saturday Night Live - St.Aug	\$132.39	\$239.94	
A Way Out Group		\$128.40		Joy Group		\$155.00		Seascape Group - St.Aug		\$150.00	
Alexis Group		\$90.00	X	Keep It Simple Group - Fern Bch		\$30.00		Serenity At Noon	\$75.00	\$239.00	X
Amethyst Group			X	Language of the Heart	\$170.78	\$527.03		Sober Sisters			X
Arlington Group			X	Liars Paradise Group		\$120.00		Sojourn Group			X
As Bill Sees It Group		\$270.00		Living in the Light		\$480.41	X	Solutions Group - Beaches	\$90.00	\$180.00	
BAA	\$15.00	\$225.00		Mandarin Group		\$136.00		Sounds of Sobriety		\$158.70	
Barney Q		\$50.00		Mandarin Big Book Step Study				Step A Month Group		\$46.50	
Baymeadows Group			X	Mandarin Hi-Noon Group		\$375.00		Stepping In Sobriety			X
Beaches Unity Group	\$360.00	\$2,880.00	X	Mandarin Women in Recovery	\$100.00	\$300.00		Stepping Up Group	\$103.00	\$269.33	
Beach Side Step Study	\$150.00	\$250.00	X	Mandarin Young Peoples Group		\$140.97		Step Sisters Grace Group		\$97.48	X
Big Book Study at Wiley				Men's Hooked on Sobriety			X	Student Group - St.Aug	\$279.46	\$322.00	
Billy Goat Hill Group				Men's Red Eye Group		\$382.00	X	Sunday Morning Group - St.Aug	\$135.00	\$435.00	
Black Eye Men's Discussion				Middleburg Group		\$200.00		Sunset Group		\$780.00	
BLIS		\$107.75		Morning After Group - St.Aug		\$12.00		Surrender to Win			
Central				Neptune Beach Book Study	\$50.00	\$50.00		Switzerland Group	\$300.00	\$1,021.00	
Clean & Free Group		\$20.00	X	Neptune Meditation		\$150.00		The Crux of the Problem		\$200.00	
Conscious Contact		\$225.00		New Beginnings Group			X	The James Gang		\$400.00	
Coyote Men's Group	\$500.00	\$1,000.00		Nocatee Promises	\$62.50	\$62.50		The Jumping Off Place		\$81.90	
District 6 - St. Augustine		\$298.34		Nocatee Sobriety	\$160.00	\$437.50		Third Street Third Tradition	\$120.00	\$120.00	
District 25	\$14.26	\$14.26		Oldest City Men's - St.Aug		\$239.43		Thirsty Thursday LGBTQ		\$100.00	
Downtown Group	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		On The Way Home		\$395.74		This Too Shall Pass		\$200.00	X
Drop the Rock			X	Orange Park Group			X	Timuquana Ladies of Grace			X
Eastside Group	\$15.00	\$90.00	X	Orange Park Stepsisters		\$98.05		Triangle Group		\$80.00	
Evergreen Group		\$85.00		Ortega Group	\$83.00	\$290.00		Trout River Group			
Fernandina Beach Group		\$489.77	X	Other Side of the Bridge	\$59.96	\$166.59		Village Womens	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Fernandina Bch Primary Purp		\$50.00		Palatka Group	\$50.00	\$110.00		Tuesday Night Step	\$57.00	\$108.50	
Fiesta Group	\$579.90	\$2,091.77	X	Phoneix Men's		\$51.00	X	Villagers - St.Aug	\$115.20	\$321.30	
Free Men's	\$315.00	\$812.30		Ponte Vedra Men's		\$60.00		Wesconnett Group	\$185.11	\$631.24	
Free To Be LGBTQ		\$38.96	X	Primary Purpose Group				Westminister		\$838.75	
Freedom Group		\$80.00		Primary Purpose Mandarin				Westside Group			X
From the Heart Men's Group		\$400.00		Q-Branch		\$1,570.00		Winner's Group		\$100.00	X
Fresh Start Group		\$265.65		Reborn Group	\$100.00	\$400.00		Winning Game Group		\$600.00	
Fruit Cove Literature Study			X	Riverside/Ortega	\$33.50	\$106.05		Women Enjoying Sobriety	\$249.58	\$742.98	
Green Cove Springs Group	\$100.00	\$300.00		Riverside (Tom S)	\$49.00	\$159.00		Women of Grace			
Half Way Through	\$135.25	\$135.25		Riverside Pass It On				Women Speak - St. Aug	\$18.00	\$67.00	
Heart to Heart		\$24.00		Riverview Study Group		\$10.00		Women's Candlelight - St. Aug	\$82.85	\$251.27	
I Am Responsible Group			X	Salisbury Men's Group		\$15.00		Women's Upstart Group		\$75.00	
Island Serenity Group		\$30.00		San Pablo Sober Sisters		\$20.63		Yulee Group		\$71.84	
It's Come to This	\$50.00	\$200.00		San Man Group		\$200.00		Total Contributions	\$6,390.74	\$29,845.58	
It's In the Book Group		\$120.00									

Represented at the AUGUST 2018 Business Meeting: IG Reps = 31 Total signed = 39
 Groups contributing in JULY 2018 = 15 YTD JULY = 96

FERNANDINA BEACH GROUP

906 South 7th Street 32034 District 4

First Meeting: April 30, 1976 is the earliest date found in existing records.

Founders: Nick T., Tom O., Nona F.-Early Members: Thomas S., Michael V., Joella S., Robert F.

Previous location: 32 n. 3rd St. Moved to present location April 3, 1984.

Fire destroyed Old Whitney Hall in 2008 and destroyed most records.. First meeting in new building October 3, 2009.

Meeting Types: Open & Closed Disc., Beginners, 12&12 Study, Big Book Study, Step disc., Traditions disc., Step & Traditions Speakers. They hold 20 meetings per week.



OLD TIMERS' STORY FROM THE A.A. ARCHIVES

Allyson W. is one of our AA pioneers. (DOS 6/28/1975) She has been sober for 43 years. She taped her story in 2016 and the following has been edited from that tape with her permission. (Interviewed by Charles H., transcribed by Rhonda B. and edited by Charlie M.)

Interviewer: How did you get to AA?

Allyson: I went to my first meeting on a Saturday night and had to walk up a big hill in the snow. There was a greeter at the door, his name was Bill. He said to me, "Allyson are you new?" I said, "Certainly not. I know you, you wrote the Big Book." He never corrected me but he took me to a beginner's meeting. I didn't think I was an alcoholic. So, for me it was a slow, gradual process of getting educated to be able to look at my past in order to see that in fact I was.

My early sobriety was exciting. It was thrilling and painful. I got married on June 28th and that was my last rum and coke. Three months later I walked back into AA and I was stark, raving sober and ready to drink. Quitting was never a problem, staying stopped was my problem. My parents were both alcoholics and violent alcoholics, and so a lot of my memories were repressed and I had a lot of denial when I got here.

I went to meetings and they didn't talk about the Big Book. They talked about the slogans: Easy Does It - Live and Let Live - One Day at a Time. My sponsor started me on step 10. She would call me every morning at 9:00 and ask me what had happened yesterday and what did I need to talk to her about, how could I have handled it better, and what were my plans for the day? At that time I was so terrified of everything because I wasn't drinking and alcohol had been my courage. As long as I could drink I was fine.

We didn't have very many meetings. We had meetings Sunday night, Monday morning and Thursday. We were told to go to a speaker meeting to remind you where you're coming from and to identify with the feelings, to go to a discussion meeting to keep you current and to go to a literature meeting to learn something. We didn't have Big Book studies back then, we had 12 & 12's, because when Bill Wilson died AA got so frightened of losing this gift, this unmerited gift of recovery, that we were taught the traditions.

For my sponsor, they told me to find somebody I wanted to be like. She had her hair in curlers. I had 2 children and I was a homemaker, so I asked her to be my sponsor and she never told me her drinking story. I was sober a year when she told me she was a bar drinker like me. I didn't know that. She listened to me and she fed me back my strengths. We didn't talk about character defects. We just talked about how you get through one day at a time sober.

The meetings were pretty loose. We believed that the God consciousness took over when we read the 5th chapter and whatever else we read and that the fight with the husband went away and the problem with your flat tire went away. All of a sudden God was in the room and we depended on that. We didn't have any rules, because we knew from the traditions that rules didn't work. We had a secretary. She was the one who opened it up. We had a coffee maker. We had a treasurer.

I had an As Bill Sees It meeting for 3 years and my job as the secretary was to open it up, have a coffee maker, and then it was up to me to ask someone to chair the meeting. I wasn't to chair it. I was to get somebody. We always greeted people at the door. If we had a visitor from out of town we would talk to them, find out if they had some time, and then we would ask them to chair the meeting because we got bored with one another. We had a fire chief. He had 45 years in the program. His name was Glen. We had Dotty O. She had 46 years. They sponsored each other. Glen was all over the place with his firemen contacts and he did a lot of 12-step work and he didn't worry about his anonymity.

In my second year I went to the Philippines and I found that there was no AA there so for 9 months I was a loner. There was no AA and I was really pissed. My homegroup back in the states had a group conscious meeting and they decided to tape their Thursday morning meetings for me. So, I got one of those and I had the Grapevine. There was a group way up the road but was difficult to get to because I was 7 months pregnant, and this was my 3rd child, and so I prayed every day.

Later we moved to a small community where there were a few AAs. There was me and 5 guys. I think God knew that I was terrified of men. I needed to be with them. I also got a job working in the ARU, which is the alcohol rehab unit, as a peer counselor. I loved it. I was learning so much. I was taking classes. I was learning all these things and back home we were told in the beginner's meetings that it was okay to have "budding" (building up to a drink). It was okay to do a 10th step and know that you needed extra care and put yourself in a detox before you drank. It was okay to have a dry drunk and have no shame over that because it was part of the disease.

By being responsible and learning everything I could about my disease and then finding my Higher Power, I had to have 3 stools. I had to have the physical, mental and the spiritual. I came back to the states and I went on a lot of commitments. I had a lot of fun. We went out after meetings. My sponsor didn't talk to me about steps. When I was ready, I said to her, "Can I do my 4th step now?" She said, "Yes." She waited for me and she was gentle. She said she would not take my 5th step because this was a spiritual program totally and that she wanted me to grow spiritually. I went to the Jesuit Priest and for 8 years I was able to do a twice-a-year 5th step with Father Emit and that was nice because I went to the same person every 6 months.

I have 3 stages in my recovery. I have my recovery, my first year in Maine and New Hampshire and then I have the Philippines 2 years, and then I came back to the states and Maine and New Hampshire meetings. I was 18 years sober when I moved down here. It was very difficult for me in Florida. Sometimes I'd leave a meeting and I'd say, "God, I know I have a relationship with you but I don't want the one I'm hearing about." I know that AA works here but when I came down it was 20 years ago. I was in my 40s. I had more time than the men in their 60s. I later found out that part of the problem was that I was from up North. I was an opinionated woman. I was independent. I was single. I was not well received. I have to respect that AA works well here. It really does.

I shared at the meeting the other day that when I was depressed my sponsor said to me, "I'm so glad we need to be grateful." I said why, and she said, "Because that tells me you're not a psychopath." She also told me, "The first year you are in intensive care. You are number one. You take care of yourself. You are no longer selfish. You are becoming self-caring". It was okay to say to the kids, "When I get home from work please don't talk to me until I've had a have my cigarette and my cup of coffee." I was a 3-pack-a-day smoker back then. I got a paint by numbers kit and when I needed to be alone I got out my painting of the last supper. This was my signal to my family.

I was being respected by AA people. AA people were shaking my kids' hands; they were 5 and 7, and I had the baby. Pinky was one of the guys and when we got an aquarium my 5-year-old son named one of the fish Pinky. So, AA was becoming a part of my whole life. I went upstairs one day and my 5-year-old was standing in front of the desk and my 7-year-old was sitting behind the desk. I walked in and my son is standing there and he is rocking back and forth.

He saying, "I got drunk. I ran in the woods. The cops chased me. Things are good now I go to AA." I turned around and I started crying and I thought I can have my kids play Mommy AA instead of Mommy Drunk. I couldn't get sober for my kids but I could get sober because I wanted to be a mother. I wanted to be a wife. I wanted to be a friend. I wanted to be all these things. That's what they stressed back then is what do you want, what are your wants and what are your needs? We used to say things like, "Bring the body and the mind will follow." That happened to me. They said that every alcoholic has ungrounded, unfounded fears. (That's from my favorite pamphlet "Members Eye View of Alcoholics Anonymous") If we stayed sober long enough we would find out that they were grounded and founded. So, in Salem, Massachusetts, which was close to me, women squashed their daughters because they didn't want them burned as a witch and that just carried down the generations.

So I believe that some people need to have their egos inflated, women and minorities in particular and some people have to have their egos deflated. I was one who had to be inflated. You had to love me enough so that I could feel safe enough and that's what they said. They said you have to be safe enough in AA before you can start dealing with the ungrounded, unfounded fears. Well, later I found out in the 10th year I wanted to kill somebody. I prayed. I did everything AA said.

Finally I said okay God if I can't get rid of this then maybe you want me to learn how to kill somebody. So, I signed up for a karate class. I studied for 6 years in my 40s. I got a trophy. I wrapped my hand around that trophy and I said, "Do you see what that son-of-a-bitch got me? I got a trophy." I was now learning productive anger. Karate is slow, exercise, moving meditation. You kneel for 45 minutes on your knees in front of a brick wall. That's meditation, step 11. My sponsor told me in the beginning, step 1 you admit you are powerless, step 2 you will be restored to sanity so enjoy your insanity while you have it. Insanity is the stinking thinking that precedes the first drink. When things are going good and you pick up a drink that is the stinking thinking, that's the budding. That's what we have to be careful of.

Anyway, what I finally came to terms with was that I had been attacked in my home. I spent a month in the hospital. I was left for dead. I was medicating a post-traumatic stress disorder.

AA took care of me and my drinking so that all things could be revealed more and more to me as I stayed sober. Father John Doe says, "I stay sober on God because of the rewards." I did a lot of 12-step work. I was a Grapevine representative. For 5 years I did the answering service up North. I loved that because I would go to a lot of meetings and sign people up to take the calls and for people to go on the 12-step calls. Father Martin used to say, "What do you get for being sober, you get to drive across town and let some drunk vomit on your shoes." We brought people home to detox at home. I was told first you got to find out what you have done to your body so you get a physical. I was told every time I called my sponsor the question was, "Where are you physically? Is it once a month? Is it that time? Are you pregnant? Are you losing your testosterone? What is going on physically with you?" When I moved down here with 18 years my thinking went kind of screwy and I went to my doctor and he said you're dehydrated. I know that I need to take care of my physical, mental and the spiritual conditions or I can get in trouble.

I have not sponsored anybody in 20 years down here. The reason for that is because my program is different and they go to meetings and they get confused. I talk to anybody that wants to talk to me. I spoke at Westside and there were 52 people there and there were 4 carloads of people and they were the young people. I don't sponsor them. I just share what I can and they come to me. They call me. I had somebody call me last night and I say to them don't give me your authority because the process is booze dependent, group dependent, sponsor dependent, God dependent, and then interdependent. I don't conform well to a group that has a lot of rules because I know that the grace of God sits in all of us. I find that we are too quick to fix them. We forget that they are good and to nurture the strengths that they do have to make them the person that they are supposed to be. Bill Wilson said on page 21, my favorite, "We will someday rejoin the human race that we once rejected and they had rejected us."

I remember a young man who was slipping and slipping and he said, "I'm bringing all my chips back to the club." I said, "Well yes bring them back and I'll show you what we're going to do with them." He brought his chips and we went down to the Dollar Store and he picked out a frame with a pretty blue backing. He got some glue and placed them on the backing. I said, "On the top I want you to write, "I responded." He wrote in tiny letters, "I responded." He got them all placed and I said, "You see these chips as failures, don't you?" He said, "Yes I do." I said, "Well they're not. Each one of those chips represents that your God called you and you responded and that he called you again and again and you responded. You have just made a picture of your conception of God that keeps reaching for you and one of these days you will be able to stay sober. He is sober today.

I: Are you are very involved with other groups besides Orange Park?

A: Mostly, I've been coming down here. I have been coming here since 1990 something but I also go to Westside, Winners and San Marco. I do not fit everywhere. So, that is why I have to pick and choose; what's the culture of the group, what are the norms, and are they flexible, are they God conscious ruled or are they people ruled?

I: What year did you get sober and what year were you in Jacksonville?

A: June 28, 1975, I had my last drink, walked into AA 3 months later, and then went to the Philippines in my second year.

I: Your philosophy on AA is a bit different. You believe more in the metaphysical part of the program, fellowship, people with people, building relationships.

A: And I'm a loner. I talked to a young woman the other day and she had 5 years and she went out and I said to her, "Your AA people let you down, the program didn't let you down, your teachers let you down" because she got sick and her resistance went down physically, so then she wasn't thinking well. Just like when I got dehydrated, I wasn't thinking well, and I said, "Nobody has ever taught you how to recognize a dry drunk. Nobody has ever taught you and God forbid you go to a meeting and say, I've done that, I said, I'm in a dry drunk." I'm not ashamed of that. I know that my God carries me when I'm in those times. I also want to really respect the fact that when I got here I needed God not to be that important. I needed them to say to me, "If you don't have a God, you can use mine till you find your own. Go on with the next conversation." It was no big deal but down here it is. You have also got your southern flavor, which is grandmothers and great-grand mothers, now you've got your grand sponsors, which is exclusive. It's not real inclusive. That is cultural.

I: This is a personal question. Which individuals were especially prominent in your sobriety in Jacksonville?

A: James R. I trust James and I check everything with him because he knows everybody. I rent a room and I always check with James, are they an okay person?

I: Any other thoughts before we close?

Our 11th step prayer says, "It is better to understand rather than to be understood." We were asked to understand the disease of alcoholism and its recovery. We were asked where we fit in our group, practice our program with each other because we played together, learned to pray, laugh and cry together. In some ways reborn was that AA became our family. There we would learn how we interact with others and receive loving feedback. Eventually we join the world we once rejected and once rejected us.

The Big Book suggested we accept outside help that would benefit us. I went to a Jungian therapist for 7 1/2 years. Carl Jung was very helpful to Bill with the spiritual program and sponsors did not hear our 5th step. We went to clergy because we wanted to understand our spiritual malady.

This is a God ordained program given to drunks. Carl Jung believed man's basic drive is to be reunited to his/her creator and he shared that with Bill. We can and do learn from other's experiences. We do this when we share our experience strength and hope but not when we quote, teach or preach.

I: Thank you for sharing your wonderful story.