

ADD A LINE

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday 9am - 5pm
1st Saturday of the Month 1-4 PM

INTERGROUP BREAKFAST SPEAKER MEETING

Saturday - December 1, 2018
Mystery Speaker - Jacksonville, FL
Gateway's Dining Room
555 Stockton Street
8 :00 am ~ All You Can Eat
Breakfast Buffet \$4 per person
8:30 am ~ Speaker Meeting

INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING

9:45 am, Sat. Dec. 1st,
Gateway Back Conference Room
555 Stockton Street, Jax. FL

INTERGROUP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

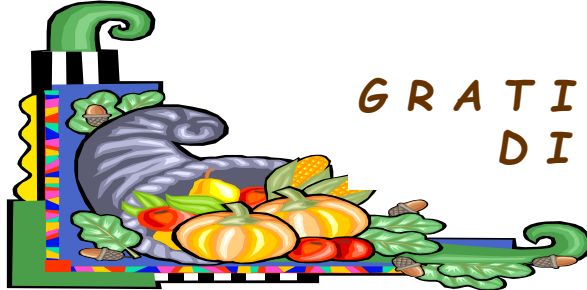
5:30 PM, Tues., November 27, 2018
Intergroup Office

Intergroup Office Closed



Closed Thursday & Friday
HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thur. Nov. 22 and Fri. Nov. 23



FALL GRATITUDE DINNER

**Come Join Us for A
Cornucopia of
"Experience, Strength, & Hope!"**

Saturday, November 17th, 2018
Ramallah American Club
3130 Parental Home Road

~~ Doors open at 5 PM for
Cake Viewing & Fellowship ~~

Guest Speaker at 8 PM— Selina J.
from Fernandina Beach

Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner
50/50 Raffle Cake Auction

\$15.00 Single Ticket
\$150.00 Reserved Tables
(Paid in Advance)

Tickets available at the IG Office

For More Information or to Volunteer Your
Help Please Call:

Debbie C. 904-556-4669
Donnes T. 757-714-1435

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ARCHIVES STORY EDITION

Step Eleven

“Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.”

There is a direct linkage among self-examination, meditation and prayer. Taken separately, these practices can bring much relief and benefit. But when they are logically related and interwoven, the result is an unshakable foundation for life. Now and then we may be granted a glimpse of that ultimate reality which is God’s kingdom. And we will be comforted and assured that our own destiny in that realm will be secure for so long as we try, however falteringly, to find and do the will of our own Creator.

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Tradition Eleven

“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.”

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Concept Eleven

While the Trustees hold final responsibility for A.A.'s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Therefore the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs, and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern.

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COMMITTEE MEETING NAME	TIME	DAY / DATE	PLACE
ARCHIVES	NOON	Monday, Nov. 5th, 2018	Intergroup Office
CORRECTIONS — Call Freddy if interested 904-226-3712	6:00 PM	1st Thursday, after the monthly Sat. IG. Business Meeting Nov. 8th	711 St. Johns Bluff Road, Jacksonville, FL
CPC / PI	1:00 PM	1st Sat. of the month after the IG Business Meeting Nov. 3rd	Intergroup Office
FINANCE COMMITTEE	5:30 PM	Tuesday, December 11, 2018	Call 313-5113 if you would like to attend.

REQUESTING DESSERTS FOR THE DESSERT TABLES

***If you are not backing a cake for the CAKE Auction,
PLEASE help us out by donating a dessert
for the dessert tables.***

These items can be store bought for your convenience



From the 68th Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous
Held in April 2018

Estimates of Groups and Members
as of January 1, 2018 (1)

	Groups	Members
United States	61,904	1,297,396
Canada	4,956	84,558
Sub Total	66,860	1,381,954
Correctional Facilities (2)	1,360	34,524
Loners, Internationalist		
Homers	1	27
Total	68,221	1,416,505
Outside U.S. & Canada (3)	52,079	671,335
Grand Total	120,300	2,087,840

(1) The General Service Office does not keep membership records. The information show here is based on reports given by groups listed with G.S.O. and does not represent an actual count of those who consider themselves A.A. members

(2) U.S. and Canada only.

(3) We are aware of A.A. Activity in approximately 180 countries, including 62 autonomous general service offices in other lands. Annually we attempt to contact those G.S.O.s and groups that request to be listed in our records. Where current data is lacking we use the previous year's figures.

Are you up to date?

Our most up-to-date meeting schedule may be found on our web site: neflaa.org. Click on the Meetings Tab.



CAKE BAKERS!

Donate a cake for the Cake Auction!
Be creative and let YOUR Cake get the highest BID!

Call Debbie C. 904-556-4669
Or Donnes T. 757-714-1435

**Cake plates will not be returned so, Please plan accordingly.

Checking/Savings

1020 · Vystar - Checking	\$10,357.88
1022 · Vystar Savings	\$10.00
1024 · Cash in Drawer	\$125.23
Total Checking/Savings	\$10,493.11
1360 · Inventory	\$13,225.86
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

ANONYMOUS, BUT NOT INVISIBLE MASQUERADE BALL 2018

November 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
9:00 pm = Closing

To R.S.V.P. go to:

<https://cpcpimasqueradeball2018.app.rsvpify.com/>

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

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Chair: Don P. 904-303-0628

Vice-Chair:

Linda G. 904-608-1634

Treasurer: Dan B. 904-737-7532

Steering Committee Chair Preston W.	914-882-9373
Add-A-Line Committee- Mike M.	904-399-8535
Contact Mike for information on participating on this committee. <u>All articles due to Intergroup by the 18th of each month.</u> nefladdaline@gmail.com	
Archives Committee- Tom W.	201-424-3827
Banquet Committee: Co-Chair Banquet Debbie C. Co-Chair Banquet Donnes T.	904-556-4669 757-714-1435
Corrections Committee – Men — Freddy S. E Mail: AA@mustangmasters.com Women — Gayle E. E Mail: noteforgayle@gmail.com	904-226-3712 904-655-3881
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Website Committee Kevin Jr. Carl G. E Mail: nefl.ig.website@gmail.com	904-614-7480 904-497-9769
Contact committee chair for service opportunities.	

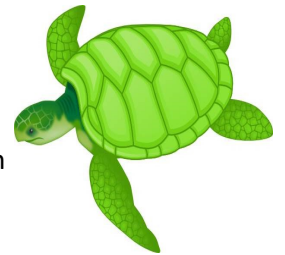
Magical Coincidence

Practicing, because I don't do it perfectly, Step 11 is what brings the "magical coincidences" into my life. It also helps keep me grounded. When I have been in the worst of emotional pain, I have gone right to Step 11, as I know God will give me EXACTLY what I need if I ask for his help.! NO prayer goes unanswered, sometimes just not within our expectations.

This past summer, I could feel the spiritual magic slipping from my wellbeing. Of course I had also been slipping away from my daily routine of prayer and meditation first thing in the morning. My conversations with God were hurried, and I would speed read my daily readings and Step prayers, not get on my knees, etc. I was beginning to question my purpose here on earth and feeling downright spiritually weakened.

Recognizing that I was "slacking" and feeling the effects, I resolved to rekindle my relationship with God by going to the beach for the sunrise and then do my prayers and meditations. I always ask God to guide me to whatever my purpose is and the strength to carry it out. He hasn't let me down so far.


As I was getting ready to leave the beach, I looked up and saw a baby turtle crawling toward the water. I jumped and ran toward it and saw a couple more! Where were they coming from? I looked back and saw movement in the sand just a few feet from my chair. A nest with buried baby turtles trying to work their way out, were covered with red ants! I knew those turtles needed my help, but also knew it was against the law to touch hatching turtles!



Long story short I dug up (with the help of a bystander) and put into the water approximately 70 baby turtles! By now, the "turtle police" drove up on his ATV and confirmed I did the right thing and mentioned they had an opening for a patrol next turtle season! I went for an interview and will be starting my newest purpose in January!! I was born and raised here in Vero Beach, and I have never seen an egg, baby turtle, or turtle on the beach. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that God was confirming to me that He was there and that I have many purposes here on Earth! - Anonymous

A Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.'s future:
 To place our common welfare first;
 To keep our Fellowship united.
 For on A.A. unity depend our lives,
 And the lives of those to come.



ADD — A — LINE

Here are two suggestions for December 2018 and January 2019 issues of the Add-A-Line.

This is YOUR Northeast Florida Intergroup news letter. Please feel free to make suggestions for articles.

As always, **THANK YOU** for allowing me to serve as the Add-A-Line editor.

Dec. 2018 — Holidays Before AA & After AA

Jan. 2019 — My First Few Months in Sobriety

E-mail Mike at nefladdaline@gmail.com

Please contribute articles to **YOUR NEWSLETTER.**

OFFICE LOG

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
A. A. Calls	239	139
Admin / Other	98	68
12 Step Calls	11	4
Visitors	170	86



COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Cooperation with the Professional Community and Public Information (CPC/PI) Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous has exciting news. The Sulzbacher Center in downtown Jacksonville has agreed to provide space for 2 literature racks to be on display containing Alcoholics Anonymous conference-approved literature pamphlets. Sulzbacher, which provides food and other services for the homeless then in Jacksonville for many years. In the mental health section, there is now a 32 pamphlet carousel rack available to Sulzbacher clientele. In the physical health section, there is now an 8 pamphlet tabletop rack with literature. Many thanks go out to Amy K. for her efforts in initiating this and helping to carry the message to those that still suffer.



Celebrate a Happy Sober Birthday



COFFEE & READING

C J 8 yrs.
Belinda G. 2 yrs.
Richard D. 1 yr.

OCTOBER

ARLINGTON

Chuck B. 45 yrs.
Lisa G. 36 yrs.
Mike B. 29 yrs.
Steve H. 28 yrs.
Jennifer K. 11 yrs.
Stan B. 2 yrs.

BEACHES UNITY

Jim S. 41 yrs.
Jim G. 39 yrs.
Peter C 33 yrs.
Jim B. 31 yrs.
Karen D. 31 yrs.
Marcella S. 30 yrs.
Jackie H. 26 yrs.
Mike K. 25 yrs.
Fitz 23 yrs.
Bill L. 22 yrs.
Peggy G . 15 yrs.
James I. 14 yrs.
Giant's Jim 12 yrs.
Amy M. 12 yrs.
Megan B. 8 yrs.
Dave S. 6 yrs.
Kyle M. 4 yrs.
DeAnna 1 yr.
Jamie 1 yr.

COFFEE & READING

Jonathan C. 18 yrs.
Steve C. 2 yrs.

FIESTA

Michele K. 12 yrs.
Ebony 1 yr.
Kristopher 1 yr.
Maria P. 1 yr.

I AM RESPONSIBLE

Lisa K. 31 yrs.

WESTSIDE

Deb B. 23 yrs.
Ron M. 21 yrs.
Jessica P. 7 yrs.
Kathleen E. 5 yrs.
Loretta Z. 3 yrs.
Lynnea G. 2 yrs.
Joyce S. 1 yr.
James E. 1 yr.
Joanne M. 1 yr.
Lavalle P. 1 yr.
Cardeu 1 yr.

ST. NICHOLAS

Kevin P. 32 yrs.
Debbie B. 23 yrs.
Paul M. 18 yrs.
Dan H. 17 yrs.
Susan F. 16 yrs.
Dina H. 14 yrs.
James E. 14 yrs.
Terry G. 10 yrs.
Britt M. 6 yrs.
Meryl A. 5 yrs.
Rebekah A. 3 yrs.
Megan W. 2 yrs.
Steve C. 2 yrs.
David A. 1 yr.
Brenda H. 1 yr.
Karen A. 1 yr.



**GOD GRANT ME THE
SERENITY**
*To Accept The Things
I CANNOT CHANGE*
COURAGE
*To Change The
THINGS I CAN AND*
WISDOM
To KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

**JOIN THE
BIRTHDAY CLUB**

Contribute \$1.00
To Intergroup for Each
Year Of Your
Sobriety Anniversary .

Please call the IG office for
more information
904-399-8535



Will your group meetings be closed or holding marathon meetings on any upcoming holidays? Is your group holding a special event such as a holiday eating meeting?

Notify NE Florida Intergroup office by Nov. 18th, so we may publicize them for you.

Please E Mail Mike at nefladdaline@gmail.com or the office at neflintergroup@gmail.com with the full details! We will publish these meetings in the Add A Line and the NEFL Intergroup Web Site



FAITHFUL FIVERS

CARL G.
SAMUEL L.
SUSAN I.

	Sep 18	Jan - Sep 18	Sep 17	Jan - Sep 17
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 - Contribution Income				
4002 - Groups	\$5,035.95	\$37,098.39	\$2,431.17	\$34,743.25
4003 - Pink Can Contribution		\$1,197.21	\$237.97	\$1,363.65
4005 - Faithful Five	\$15.00	\$215.00	\$25.00	\$330.00
4006 - Birthdays	\$30.00	\$129.00		\$89.00
4007 - Other Contributions		\$160.35	\$204.00	\$533.14
4008 - Anonymous	\$14.00	\$164.00	\$2.14	\$444.27
4010 - IG Breakfast/Speaker Mtg	\$70.00	\$525.75	\$94.00	\$533.63
4011 - Florida AA Archives Workshop		\$426.81		
4012 - Donations - Website				
Total 4000 - Contribution Income	\$5,164.95	\$39,916.51	\$2,994.28	\$38,036.94
4020 - Retail Income	\$4,142.16	\$47,934.66	\$2,618.23	\$42,097.39
4040 - Monthly IG Mtg / Otr				
4042 - Business Meeting	\$30.00	\$343.50	\$60.00	\$392.90
Total 4040 - Monthly IG Mtg / Otr	\$30.00	\$343.50	\$60.00	\$392.90
4060 - Income - Special Events				
4062 - Banquet	\$1,350.00	\$8,850.00	\$600.00	\$6,351.00
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	\$1,350.00	\$16,149.00	\$600.00	\$9,556.00
Total Income	\$10,687.11	\$104,343.67	\$6,272.51	\$90,083.23
Cost of Goods Sold				
4510 - Cost of Retail Sales	\$2,996.90	\$35,839.51	\$1,730.50	\$31,327.86
5001 - Cost of Revenues - Other				
4540 - Cost of Event - Banquet Expense	\$55.00	\$6,891.75	\$2,355.00	\$8,652.09
5215 - IG Business Meeting Expense	\$30.00	\$343.50	\$60.00	\$392.90
5005 - S & H		\$28.36		
5195 - CC Fees	\$138.50	\$1,409.36	\$81.96	\$916.94
5280 - Pink Can Expense				\$512.84
5290 - IG Breakfast Expense	\$22.28	\$198.70		\$131.06
59900 - POS Inventory Adjustments	(\$2.27)	\$400.00	(\$1,046.31)	(\$1,114.28)
Total 5001 - Cost of Revenues - Other	\$243.51	\$9,271.67	\$1,450.65	\$9,491.55
Total COGS	\$3,240.41	\$45,111.18	\$3,181.15	\$40,819.41
Gross Profit	\$7,446.70	\$59,232.49	\$3,091.36	\$49,263.82
Expense				
60000 - Salaries and Benefits				
6560 - Wages				
Voided checks				
6560 - Wages - Other	\$1,750.76	\$17,968.17	\$2,516.64	\$21,075.28
Total 6560 - Wages	\$1,750.76	\$17,968.17	\$2,516.64	\$21,075.28
6561 - PTO		\$200.00		
6565 - Payroll Taxes	\$142.62	\$1,609.51	\$194.97	\$1,731.45
Total 60000 - Salaries and Benefits	\$1,893.38	\$19,777.68	\$2,711.61	\$22,806.73
61000 - Office Expense				
Total 61000 - Office Expense	\$372.94	\$8,121.67	\$246.37	\$4,348.84
62000 - Facilities and maintenance				
Total 62000 - Facilities and maintenance	\$1,437.83	\$11,937.36	\$1,182.24	\$11,219.43
5300 - When & Where Cost		\$2,280.00		\$3,115.12
55000 - Committees Expense				
5520 - Archives				
5521 - Archives - General Budget		\$565.64		\$1,145.52
5520 - Archives - Other			\$561.75	\$811.75
Total 5520 - Archives		\$565.64	\$561.75	\$1,957.27
5530 - CPC/PI	(\$174.75)	\$1,547.53	\$206.26	\$979.94
5540 - Corrections		\$8,086.85		\$6,574.19
5560 - Newsletter	\$343.49	\$2,289.98	\$229.00	\$3,040.45
5570 - Phone Army		\$122.97		
5590 - Treatment	\$236.30	\$313.28		\$28.45
5595 - Website		\$189.00		
Total 55000 - Committees Expense	\$405.04	\$13,115.25	\$997.01	\$12,580.30
60300 - Awards and Grants				
60360 - Donations		\$542.34		
Total 60300 - Awards and Grants		\$542.34		
70900 - Business Expenses				
5145 - Advertising	\$51.00	\$459.00	\$51.00	\$459.00
5220 - Dues/Fees/Licenses		\$61.25		\$61.25
Total 70900 - Business Expenses	\$51.00	\$520.25	\$51.00	\$520.25
62100 - Contract Services				
5200 - Professional Fees		\$3,300.00		\$225.00
Total 62100 - Contract Services		\$3,300.00		\$225.00
65100 - Other Expenses				
6150 - Bad Debt				\$25.00
Total Other Expenses				\$25.00
68300 - Travel and Meetings				
5235 - Training	\$420.00	\$1,420.53		\$292.40
Total 68300 - Travel and Meetings	\$420.00	\$1,420.53		\$292.40
6999 - Uncategorized Expenses				
Total Expense	\$4,580.19	\$61,015.08	\$5,188.23	\$55,133.07
Net Ordinary Income	\$2,866.51	(\$1,782.59)	(\$2,096.87)	(\$5,869.25)
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
73000 - Other Income				
73050 - Interest Income	\$0.69	\$12.54	\$20.84	\$207.67
6310 - Sales Tax Collection Allowance	\$6.20	\$43.16	\$5.59	\$58.20
6301 - Cash Short/Over POS		\$10.15	\$2.92	(\$2.27)
Total 73000 - Other Income	\$6.89	\$65.85	\$29.35	\$263.60
Total Other Income	\$6.89	\$65.85	\$29.35	\$263.60
Net Income	\$2,873.40	(\$1,716.74)	(\$2,067.52)	(\$5,605.65)

SEPTEMBER 2018 GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

GROUP	SEPT 2018	SEPT 2018 YTD	Att.	GROUP	SEPT 2018	SEPT 2018 YTD	Att.	GROUP	SEPT 2018	SEPT 2018 YTD	Att.
11th Step Meeting		\$25.00		Jax Men's Group		\$0.00	X	Seascape Group - St.Aug		\$300.00	
A Design for Living		\$579.50		Joy Group		\$155.00		Serenity At Noon		\$239.00	
A Way Out Group		\$128.40		Keep It Simple Group - Fern Bch		\$30.00		Sober Sisters		\$0.00	
Alexis Group	\$30.00	\$150.00		Language of the Heart		\$527.03		Sojourn Group		\$0.00	
Amethyst Group		\$0.00	X	Liars Paradise Group	\$240.00	\$360.00		Solutions Group - Beaches		\$180.00	
Arlington Group		\$0.00	X	Living in the Light	\$379.76	\$860.17		Sounds of Sobriety		\$158.70	
As Bill Sees It Group		\$270.00		Mandarin Group		\$136.00		Step A Month Group		\$46.50	
BAA		\$240.00		Mandarin Mon. BB Step Study		\$0.00		Stepping In Sobriety		\$0.00	
Barney Q		\$50.00		Mandarin Hi-Noon Group		\$375.00		Stepping Up Group		\$269.33	
Baymeadows Group		\$0.00	X	Mandarin Women in Recovery		\$300.00	X	Step Sisters Grace Group	\$23.00	\$23.00	
Beaches Unity Group	\$360.00	\$3,600.00		Mandarin Young Peoples Group		\$140.97		Step Sisters of Ortega		\$286.91	
Beach Side Step Study		\$250.00		Men's Hooked on Sobriety		\$0.00	X	Student Group - St.Aug		\$322.00	
Big Book Study at Wiley		\$0.00		Men's Red Eye Group		\$382.00	X	Sunday Morning Group - St.Aug		\$435.00	
Billy Goat Hill Group		\$0.00		Middleburg Group		\$200.00		Sunset Group		\$780.00	
Black Eye Men's Discussion		\$0.00		Morning After Group - St.Aug		\$12.00		Surrender to Win		\$0.00	
BLIS		\$107.75		Neptune Beach Book Study		\$50.00		Switzerland Group		\$1,021.00	X
Central		\$100.00		Neptune Meditation		\$150.00		The Crux of the Problem	\$250.00	\$450.00	
Clean & Free Group		\$20.00		New Beginnings Group		\$0.00	X	The James Gang	\$400.00	\$800.00	
Conscious Contact		\$225.00		Nocatee Promises	\$34.75	\$97.25		The Jumping Off Place		\$81.90	
Coyote Men's Group		\$1,000.00		Nocatee Sobriety		\$437.50		Third Street Third Tradition		\$120.00	
District 6 - St. Augustine		\$298.34		Oldest City Men's - St.Aug		\$239.43		Thirsty Thursday LGBTQ		\$100.00	
District 25		\$14.26		On The Way Home	\$686.82	\$1,082.56		This Too Shall Pass		\$200.00	X
Downtown Group		\$1,000.00		Orange Park Group		\$0.00	X	Timuquana Ladies of Grace	\$150.00	\$150.00	X
Drop the Rock		\$0.00	X	Orange Park Stepsisters		\$141.30		Triangle Group	\$40.00	\$120.00	
Eastside Group	\$15.00	\$120.00		Ortega Group		\$290.00		Trout River Group		\$0.00	
Evergreen Group		\$85.00		Other Side of the Bridge		\$166.59		Village Womens		\$30.00	
Fernandina Beach Group	\$331.86	\$821.63		Palatka Group		\$110.00		Tuesday Night Step		\$108.50	
Fernandina Bch Primary Purp		\$118.00		Pass It On		\$0.00	X	Villagers - St.Aug		\$321.30	
Fiesta Group	\$429.23	\$2,785.68	X	Phonex Men's		\$51.00		We Agnostics		\$37.50	
Free Men's		\$812.30		Ponte Vedra Men's		\$60.00		Wesconnett Group		\$631.24	
Free To Be LGBTQ		\$38.96		Primary Purpose Group		\$0.00		West Jacksonville Mens		\$120.00	
Freedom Group		\$80.00		Primary Purpose Mandarin		\$0.00	X	Westminister		\$838.75	
From the Heart Men's Group		\$650.00		Q-Branch		\$1,570.00		Westside Group		\$0.00	X
Fresh Start Group		\$265.65		Reborn Group		\$400.00		Winner's Group		\$100.00	X
Fruit Cove Literature Study		\$0.00		Riverside/Ortega		\$106.05		Winning Game Group		\$600.00	
Green Cove Springs Group	\$80.00	\$380.00		Riverside (Tom S)		\$159.00		Women Enjoying Sobriety		\$742.98	
Half Way Through		\$135.25		Riverside Pass It On		\$0.00		Women in Recovery	\$1,450.00	\$1,450.00	
Heart to Heart		\$24.00		Riverview Study Group	\$10.00	\$20.00		Women Speak - St. Aug		\$67.00	
I Am Responsible Group	\$60.53	\$60.53		Salisbury Men's Group		\$15.00		Women's Candlelight - St. Aug		\$251.27	
Island Serenity Group		\$30.00		San Pablo Sober Sisters		\$20.63		Women's Upstart Group		\$75.00	X
It's Come to This	\$65.00	\$265.00		San Man Group		\$200.00		Women's YPG (St. Nicks)			X
It's In the Book Group		\$120.00		St. Nicholas Group		\$709.00	X	YPG - St. Aug		\$189.00	
Jax Beaches YPG		\$737.00	X	Saturday Night Live - St.Aug		\$239.94		Yulee Group		\$71.84	
									Total Contributions	\$5,035.95	\$37,098.39

Represented at the SEPTEMBER 2018 Business Meeting: IG Reps = 22 Total signed in = 34

Groups contributing in SEPTEMBER 2018 = 19 YTD SEPTEMBER = 105

2018-2019 District Committee Contact and Meeting Info

	Position & Name	E mail	Phone	
District 1:	DCM - Lon L.	lon@rpmautomotive.com	904-710-7201	3rd Tuesday @ 6:45 pm each month @ the IG Office
District 4:	DCM - Peter C	ppjtcart@gmail.com	516-521-6830	7:45pm Every 3rd Thursday @The Amelia Room 906 S 7th St, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
District 3:	DCM- Ron X.	vexicity@gmail.com	772-349-7376	3rd Sunday 2:30PM @ Clay County Club
District 6:	DCM- Marty C.	dcmdist6@gmail.com	919-622-4010	1st Monday of the month6:00 PM @ Flager Hospital in Osceola Room
District 24:	DCM - Diane S.	diane.taurus@gmail.com	386-546-3404	Meets the second Wed of every month @ 6:30pm 200 Main Street, Palatka, FL 32177 (St Marks Episcopal Church)
District 25:	DCM - Glenn G.	justgg@aol.com	904-233-6258	Neptune Beach Library 2nd Wed @ 7:00pm (3rd Street)
District 30:	DCM - Jack G.	jack_vgarrison@hotmail.com	714-661-3918	Meets Monthly at 9 am, 4th Sat of the month, Fruit Cove Baptist Church 210 Ridgecrest Lane, Jax, FL

GRATITUDE

By Scott W. ,Utica, New York

- Today I am grateful...For smiles that start in the heart
- That everyday I a given a reprieve
- that all my old thoughts of my drinking days, those thoughts about alcohol and maintaining have been replaced with thoughts of recovery
- That in sobriety I have a place in life
- That today I am not afraid to stand in my place, to voice what is my truth
- That more than likely today I will have enough
- For the sustaining power of God

We were not free. We were prisoners of our illness. What our illness wanted, we give it our dignity, our self-respect, even our families. Our prison walls were made of denial, false pride, and self-will run riot. Now we know that brick walls don't have to stop us. We don't have to bang our heads on them. Slowly, we're learning about freedom. We're learning that freedom. We're learning that freedom comes from within. It comes when we think clearly and make our own choices. It comes when we follow a better way of life. It comes when we take care of ourselves. It comes when we take responsibility. The key to freedom is in loving our Higher Power.

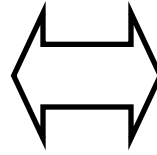
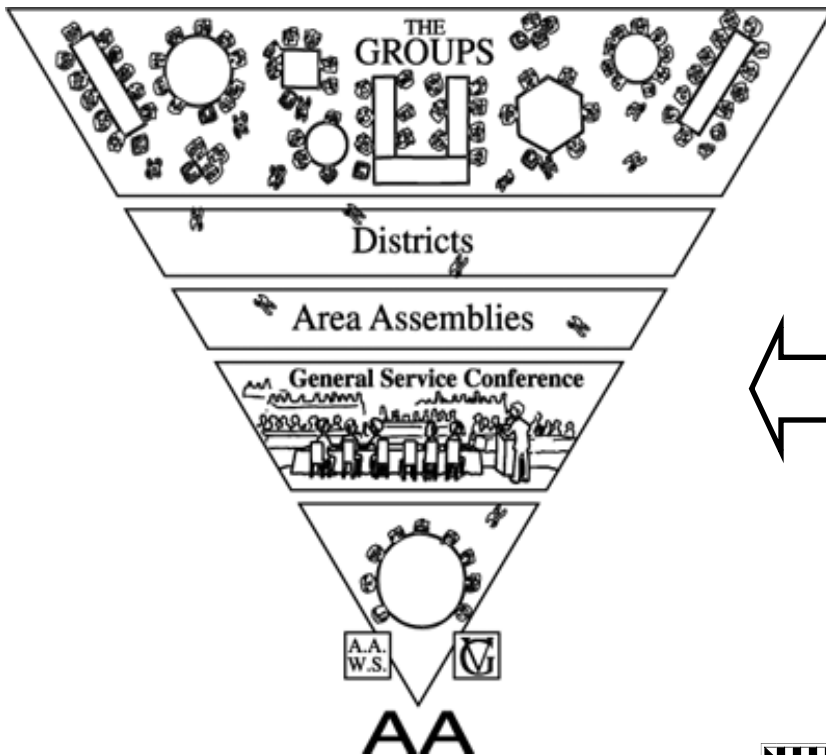
~ Keep It Simple ~



Volunteers are needed for a minimum of 2 hour time slot, per week for basic office duties. Answer the phones, assist groups and members with literature, medallions and so much more. So drop in, introduce yourself and chat with the volunteers. Listen to the calls that come in and how the volunteers handle them. Watch the people who come through the front door, note the variety and number of requests. Decide if it is something you would be willing to commit to, if so, please contact Mike or Stefanie @ 904-399-8535. For Sponsors: This a great suggestion for protégés to be "Of Service".

This is the "heart line," the point of new beginnings and directions, that first contact for new-comers, the information center for people in the fellowship. This is the place!





EDITOR'S NOTE

*Someone Asked Me
To Run This
AA Pyramid Structure
For
Informational Purposes
Here It Is!*

RENT-A-SPONSOR

- Are you tired of being told like it is???
- Still looking for the easier, softer way???
- Had enough of the old time tested AA Direction?

NO READING NO WRITING NO DEADLINES!

STANDARD FEATURES INCLUDE:

- *Listening to your sniveling without constant reference to the Big Book or Steps!
- *Co-signing your excuses and rationalizations!
- *Work only the Steps you want, in the order you choose!
- *Learn the secret of giving it away before you even have it!
- *Why "walk the walk" when you can just "talk the talk?"
- *Remember, it's better to look good than to feel good!
- *Why save your butt at the cost of losing your face?

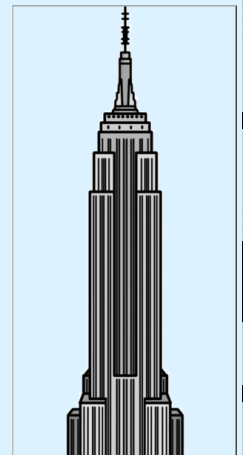
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AVAILABLE, YES, WE WILL WRITE YOUR
INVENTORY FOR YOU !***

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or 1-900-POUR-ME-1**

SOME HUMOR

Two men are drinking in a bar at the top of the Empire State Building. One turns to the other and says: "You know last week I discovered that if you jump from the top of this building-by the time you fall to the 10th floor, the winds around the building are so intense that they carry you around the building and back into the window."



The bartender just shakes his head in disapproval while wiping the bar.

The 2nd Man says: "What are you a nut? There is no way in hell that could happen."

1st Man: "No it's true let me prove it to you." So he gets up from the bar, jumps over the balcony, and careens to the street below. When he passes the 10th floor, the high wind whips him around the building and back into the 10th floor window and he takes the elevator back up to the bar.

The 2nd Man tells him: "You know I saw that with my own eyes, but that must have been a one time fluke."

1st Man: "No, I'll prove it again" and again he jumps and hurtles toward the street where the 10th floor wind gently carries him around the building and into the window. Once upstairs he urges his fellow drinker to try it.

2nd Man: "Well what the hell, it works, I'll try it." he jumps over the balcony, plunges downward, passes the 11th, 10th, 9th, 8th floors... and hits the sidewalk with a 'splat.'

Back upstairs the Bartender turns to the other drinker: "You know, Superman, you're a real idiot when you're drunk."



Gone but not Forgotten

“Ed C.” of Mandarin, Fl.

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Ed was born in Grand Rapids, MI, on Dec 21, 1941 and moved to El Paso, TX where He lived with his loving and kind mother and sister Suzie and brother Mike until he was 17 years old. Ed’s Father passed away from alcoholism at age 65. While growing up in El Paso Texas (near Juarez, Mexico), he acquired a taste for spicy Mexican food. Ed would be the first to order Hot Stuff, while at dinner with his friends.

Ed joined the US NAVY in 1958 at the age of 17. On Feb. 19, 1966 Ed married the love of his life, Nancy S. They lived together joyously for 52 wonderful years. Early in their marriage Nancy encouraged Ed to get help from Alcoholics Anonymous. She had been a member of Alanon for about 3 months before Ed took the action of seeking help from AA. This is where Ed started his recovery from alcoholism. Little did Ed know at the time how many lives he would touch in a positive way.

During his navy career, Ed was stationed, in Charleston, S.C., Hawaii, Guam , and Los Angeles, Ca. Ed was sober at all these stations and active in AA. Ed’s military service took him too many other places around the world, serving on nuclear submarines. Ed enjoyed sharing these experiences, whenever he was asked about them. Ed retired from the navy in July 1979. He retired as a Master Chief Petty Officer (MCPO) Engineman.



Ed and Nancy’s first born child was their son Ed Jr., born on Oct 22, 1966. They were given the gift of a second child, Laura, born on Aug 12, 1968. Sadly Laura perished at the young age of 16 in an automobile accident. Ed stayed sober through this tragedy, as he did in many other challenges in recovery. Through Ed’s years of recovery he was an exceptional example of how to be a good husband, father, grandfather.

Ed’s hobbies were gardening and landscaping. He was also a proficient handyman and home repair projects expert. Ed enjoyed athletics, as a tennis player, swimmer and a golfer. Ed also was a Florida State University backer.

*GONE BUT NOT
FORGOTTEN
“ED C.”
OF MANDARIN, FL.*

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After retirement from the navy, Ed went to college



and graduated with a degree in Counselling from Southern Illinois University. Ed became a Counselor at Gateway Community Services for about a year in 1980. In Jan 1981 Ed went into Federal Civil Service at Naval Air Station Jacksonville as a Counselor at the navy's Alcohol Rehabilitation Center. During his tenure there, Ed helped multiple military and civilian members deal with their alcohol problems. Ed retired from Civil Service in 2005.

During his many years in AA Ed stayed active and humble among the many in AA. Ed served from time to time as a Group Service Rep, Group Treasurer, Group Secretary, coffee maker and a good active AA member. Ed sponsored many men and Ed himself was sponsored by Pete P. in Hawaii and Bill W. and Bill L. in Jacksonville. When Ed was needed by another AA member or anyone he would make himself readily available.

Ed was the catalyst that started the meeting of the “Amethyst Group” in Mandarin. The first meeting was held Feb 6, 1984 with 15 members in attendance. This meeting was held at Christ Church on Old St. Augustine Road. The Amethyst Group has stayed in continuous service since that sober day in 1984. Typical attendance today is 50-60 members. The Amethyst Group continues today, meeting on Mondays at 8pm at the First Christian Church in Mandarin on San Jose Blvd.

Some of the things we remember about Ed are his great smile....a big hug when he greeted you and his warm and welcoming demeanor. He was sincere in helping others, in and out of the rooms. Ed was a mentor that many men looked up to and went to for help, and always received it.

I am Responsible . . .

**When anyone, anywhere
reaches out for help**

I want the hand of AA to be there,

And for that,

. . . I Am Responsible

Ed's sobriety date was Jan 15, 1972. Ed had 46 years of continuous sobriety before his passing on Aug 13, 2018. Ed C. will be missed.
.....By Gary R. and Gino G.