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INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, AT 9:00
AM
BUFFET BREAKFAST STARTS AT
7:30 AM
SPEAKER MEETING AT 8 AM -
ALBERT M.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025 AT
9:00 AM
SPEAKER MEETING AT 8 AM - TBD

GATEWAY COMMUNITY SERVICES
555 STOCKTON ST.
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32204

ZOOM INFORMATION
MEETING ID: 870 4750 2345
PASSCODE: 314187

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025,
AT 5:30 PM AT IG OFFICE

ZOOM INFORMATION
MEETING ID: 881 4593 5259
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NINTH STEP

“Made direct amends to such people whenever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.”

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NINTH TRADITION

“AA as such ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”

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NINTH CONCEPT

“Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety...”

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INTERGROUP OFFICE LOG JULY

	2025	2024
PHONE ARMY	152	125
AA CALLS	110	70
12 STEP	1	3
VISITORS	112	113

District Meetings

	DCM	Email	Phone	Monthly Meeting
District 1	Ericka C.	Kay_carter@outlook.com	904-718-3863	Hybrid, 1st Tuesday @ 6 pm, IABA Club 3645 Spring Park Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32207 In Trailer Zoom ID 86974289509 PWD D1GSR
District 2	Kris P.	krispatrick@bellsouth.net	352-235-1119	Zoom, 3rd Saturday @ 10 am: Zoom ID 89390953434 PWD 465935
District 3	Jim D.	dcmd3area14@gmail.com	414-801-1166	3rd Sunday @ 1 pm: Zoom ID 9043142022 PWD D3A14
District 4	Kevin S.	77gth@gmail.com	908-616-7168	Zoom, 3rd Thursday @ 7 pm: Zoom ID 81509711457 PWD 841276
District 6	Shanna B.	shannagh1001@gmail.com	901-674-7594	In Person, 1st Monday @ 6 pm, Memorial Lutheran Church 3375 US 1 South, St. Augustine, FL 32077
District 24	Patrick O.	patrickortiz45@gmail.com	904-814-9367	In Person, 1st Wednesday @ 6:30 pm, St Marks Christian Church 310 N Second Ave, Palatka, FL 32077
District 25	Jake K.	jkintrner@yahoo.com	937-760-1086	Hybrid, 1st Sunday @ 5:30 pm, Al Pablo Club 322 Penman Rd., Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250 Zoom ID 88483179604 PWD 1234
District 30	Deb F.	debjarris1@gmail.com	704-904-3867	Hybrid, 4th Saturday @ 10 am, First Christian Church 11924 San Jose Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32077 Zoom ID 86704331234 PWD AA061035

GRATEFUL GIVERS

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Anonymous
Barbara M.
Byron G.
Cathie G.
Daniel H.
David A.
Deborah F.
Holly C.
James F.
Jill W.
John C.

Johnanthan B.
Kara B.
Kenny S.
Lega L.
Linda B.
Mayra V.
Michael M.
Paul C.
Paul F.
Peter C.
Ruth R.
Susan I.
William H.



SCAN QR CODE TO JOIN

NINTH STEP PRAYER

GOD, give me the strength and direction to do the right thing, no matter what the consequences may be. Help me to consider others and not harm them in any way. Help me to consult with others before I take any actions that would cause me to be sorry. Help me to not repeat such behaviors. Show me the way of Patience, Tolerance, Kindliness, and Love and help me live the spiritual life. AMEN (Page 78-80 BB)





YOUR INTERGROUP

Finance and Accounting

NEFL manages financial activities to support AA groups in Northeast Florida through responsible bookkeeping, regular reporting, and budget oversight. Contributions from local AA groups are recorded and deposited, then detailed in monthly financial reports. These reports include income and expense statements as well as group contribution summaries, which are shared with the Steering Committee and the fellowship.

NEFL operates on a budget that guides spending on office needs, literature, events, and payroll. If staff are employed, payroll is handled internally or by a third-party provider, with consistent tracking of hours and benefits. All transactions are entered into accounting software, and bank accounts are reconciled monthly to ensure accuracy and accountability.

GROUP HISTORY

I AM RESPONSIBLE GROUP
2125 Oceanfront 32266
District 25



- First Meeting: 10/14/1986
- Founders: Warren & Dottie C., Jim & Suzanne H., & Virginia S.
- The Group still meets in it's original location.
- Meeting Types: Open Discussion and Open Grapevine Discussion.
- 2 meetings per week

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for a meaningful way to give back? NEFLI is in need of office volunteers to help answer phones, greet visitors, and support day-to-day operations. Whether you can spare a few hours a week or just want to be of service, your time and willingness can make a big difference in helping us carry the message. No experience necessary—just a desire to help! Call the office or stop by to learn more about how you can get involved. We'd love to have you on the team!

We Are Not A Glum Lot



Come and Join in the Festivities in costume!! Enjoy dinner, socialize, dance and have fun with the friends you know and the friends you will meet. Yes, we are Anonymous. But we are **NOT** Invisible.

Saturday, November 1, 2025

515 PM Doors Open
545 PM Opening & Spaghetti Dinner
700 PM Speaker
800 PM Dance Begins
830 PM Costume Contest
900 PM Raffle Drawings
1000 PM Last Dance

Baymeadows Baptist Church- Gymnasium
4826 Baymeadows Rd, Jacksonville FL 32217

545 PM - Spaghetti Dinner with Potluck Dessert served
\$20 + (Eventbrite fee) Dinner at 545 PM
700 PM - The fun begins for those who don't wish to eat,
\$10 + (Eventbrite fee) Entry at 700 PM (without dinner)

Buy your tickets on Eventbrite @ <https://2025MasqBall.eventbrite.com>

For more information email abnimasqball@gmail.com

Sponsored by District 30 and NEFL Intergroup CPC/PI Committee
Contact Emily B. 904.252.3341 or emilybarbara183@gmail.com

"Anonymous but not Invisible"

Masquerade Ball



Volunteers needed for the Masquerade Ball on NOV 1st

Program Coordinator (1 additional assistant)
Housekeeping Coordinator (4 additional assistants)
Security Assistants (4 additional assistants)
Food Assistants (3 additional assistants)
Decoration Assistant (1)
Host (1)

Next planning meetings 9.13 @ 1PM and OCT 18 @ 1PM
on Zoom ID 830 4651 0891 PW DTR30d

Contact Emily B. to Volunteer @ 904.252.3341 & Barbaraemily183@gmail.com

Buy tickets to attend the Ball @ <https://2025MasqBall.eventbrite.com>

For more information about the Masquerade Ball email abnimasqball@gmail.com

The Ball is sponsored by District 30 & NEFL Intergroup CPC/PI Committee

Plain Language Big Book Workshop

50/50
RAFFLE

SANDWICHES
& SWEETS
PROVIDED

Hosted by: DISTRICT 1



Presented by:
STEPHANIE G.

Area 14 Literature Chair

WHEN:
06 SEP 2025
1 PM - 4 PM
SATURDAY

WHERE:
SAN MARCO CLUB
1423 SAN MARCO BLVD

DROP THE ROCK WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 27th, 2025

11:00am-4:00pm (Doors open at 10:30)

First Christian Church
11924 San Jose Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32258

\$10 suggested contribution includes Lunch

We will tackle many items in this workshop to help you take a 6th and 7th Step inventory, using an assortment of worksheets to help you with the process of:

- > UNCOVERING YOUR DEFECTS AND SHORTCOMINGS
- > DISCOVERING HOW TO MAKE AMENDS TO YOURSELF
- > DISCARDING YOUR UNWANTED DEFECTS

"We grow by our willingness to face and rectify errors and convert them into assets. The alcoholic's past thus becomes the principal asset of the family and frequently it is almost the only one." - The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, Page 124

Brought to you by the Drop the Rock Group of District 30, Area 14

SEPTEMBER

Arlington Group

Jon C.	34 yrs.
Paul L.	14 yrs.
Michelle H.	14 yrs.
Renee H.	4 yrs.
Nick J.	3 yrs.
Joe P.	1 yr.
Dawson	1 yr.
Daniel T.	1 yr.

Beaches Unity Group

Eston P.	18 yrs.
Leissa	9 yrs.
Brian L.	38 yrs.
Lucy	3 yrs.
Whiskey	7 yrs.
Ken S.	35 yrs.
Buddy E.	1 yr.
Courtney S.	15 yrs.
Albert M.	10 yrs.
Vazter	17 yrs.
Debbie S.	20 yrs.
Adrian H.	7 yrs.

Central Group

Tom M.	38 yrs.
Matt J.	3 yrs.
Margaret B.	1 yr.

I Am Responsible

August

Fred W.	26 yrs.
Mike C.	15 yrs.
Eric	14 yrs.

September

Bill K.	24 yrs.
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Fiesta Group

Tom M.	38 yrs.
Kristen Cl.	16 yrs.
Brenda P.	2 yrs.
Patti R.	43 yrs.
Alison J.	4 yrs.
Trish M.L.	17 yrs.
Donny B.	24 yrs.
Debra V.	37 yrs.

Mandarin Women

August

Linda T.	9 yrs.
Aida	13 yrs.
Sheila	33 yrs.
Rita	39 yrs.

September

Maureen	2 yrs.
Christa	2 yrs.
Kristin	8 yrs.
Tonya	14 yrs.



Surrender To Win

Eric	14 yrs.
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**JOIN THE BIRTHDAY CLUB!!!
SEND IN A DOLLAR FOR EVERY
YEAR YOU'VE BEEN SOBER ON
YOUR SOBRIETY DATE!**

**SCAN QR CODE TO CONTRIBUTE.
IN THE MEMO FIELD, ENTER
BIRTHDAY
CLUB**



ANNUAL INTERGROUP FALL GRATITUDE BANQUET

"Enchanted by a Starlit Night"

09/13/2025

Ramallah Club

3130 Parental Home Rd.

Doors open at 5pm

Single Tickets \$40 Reserved Tables (seats 10) \$400

Speaker will be Ricky B. from Jax Beach!

**Come and enjoy a special evening of
fellowship, gratitude and fun**

Guest Speaker

Cake Auction

50/50 Raffle

Recovery Literature Raffle

LIVE Painting Raffle

Dinner

Desserts

Recovery Countdown

Kim K. 904-917-7707 Ashley M. 904-570-8957 Intergroup 904-399-8535

8th Florida AA Archives Workshop

Hosted by Areas 1, 14, 15 and FCYPAA

9AM to 4PM on Saturday February 28, 2026

Redeemer Lutheran Church

3377 Aloma Ave, Winter Park FL 32792

\$30/person, registration includes lunch



Presentations include International Convention Archives, Florida's AA history, Old AA Movies, collection, organization/digitization, Old Timer Interviews, Group Histories,



Area/District/Intergroup Archives Displays, and Ethics

Please fill out the form on the back, make checks payable to Florida Archives Workshop and Send Registration to JoAnn B. 7202 Morningsgate Way, Riverview, FL 33578 by February 1, 2026. If you have any questions, feel free to contact JoAnn B, Registrar/Treasurer, at FloridaArchivesWS@gmail.com

Send Money with Zelle
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ACCOUNT BALANCES - JULY 2025

Checking/Savings:

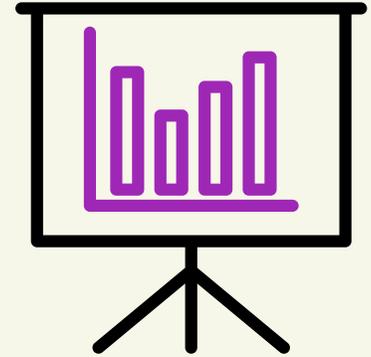
1021 - Cash Regions Bank-Operating	\$15,685.49
1024 - Cash-in-Draw	\$103.28

Total Checking/Savings	\$15,788.77
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1360 - Inventory	\$7,876.89
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1400 - Prudent Reserve	
1476 - Regions Bank - CD #001	\$10,000.00
1481 - Regions Bank - CD #002	\$10,000.00
1486 - Regions Bank - CD #003	\$10,000.00

Total 1400 - Prudent Reserve	\$30,000.00
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**FINANCE
REPORT**



**SEE WEBSITE FOR THE
DETAILED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS YEAR-TO-DATE**

	Jul 25	Jul 24
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4000 · Contribution Income		
4002 · Groups	4,643.80	8,621.32
4003 · Pink Can Contribution	133.15	170.00
4005 · Grateful Givers	386.02	397.00
4006 · Birthdays	24.00	
4007 · Other Contributions	764.19	308.99
4010 · IG Breakfast/Speaker Mtg	121.00	
Total 4000 · Contribution Income	6,072.16	9,497.31
4020 · Retail Sales	4,213.16	6,642.33
4040 · Other Income		
4042 · Business Meeting		67.00
Total 4040 · Other Income		67.00
4060 · Income - Special Events		
4062 · Banquet	6,560.00	
Total 4060 · Income - Special Events	6,560.00	
Total Income	16,845.32	16,206.64
Cost of Goods Sold		
4510 · Cost of Retail Sales	1,616.27	7,696.84
5001 · Cost of Revenues - Other		
4540 · Cost of Event - Banquet Expense	50.89	
5215 · IG Business Meeting Expense	184.00	
5195 · CC Fees	306.52	185.60
Total 5001 · Cost of Revenues - Other	541.41	185.60
Total COGS	2,157.68	7,882.44
Gross Profit	14,687.64	8,324.20
Expense		
60000 · Salaries and Benefits		
6560 · Wages	2,960.00	2,439.75
6565 · Payroll Taxes	226.46	185.03
Total 60000 · Salaries and Benefits	3,186.46	2,624.78
61000 · Office Expense	769.64	1,245.09
62000 · Facilities and maintenance	1,678.22	1,317.32
55000 · Committees Expense	1,004.15	1,701.29
70900 · Business Expenses		15.11
62100 · Contract Services		300.00
65100 · Other Expenses	20.00	20.00
Total Expense	6,658.47	7,223.59
Net Ordinary Income	8,029.17	1,100.61
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
73000 · Miscellaneous Income	3.29	503.23
Total Other Income	3.29	503.23
Net Other Income	3.29	503.23
Net Income	8,032.46	1,603.84

Old Timer Story

LONG-TIMER: BOB C. INTERVIEWED BY: KEVIN JR

KEVIN JR: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KEVIN JR., AND I'M A GRATEFUL ALCOHOLIC. TODAY I HAVE THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO INTERVIEW BOB C. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOB.

BOB C: HEY, KEVIN.

KEVIN JR: IF YOU COULD, JUST TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOUR LIFE BEFORE AA. WHERE WERE YOU BORN AND WHAT WAS YOUR CHILDHOOD LIKE?

BOB C: I WAS BORN IN LEESBURG, FLORIDA, AND GREW UP IN MOUNT DORA, NEAR ORLANDO. SO, I'M A NATIVE FLORIDIAN. GREW UP IN A MIDDLE-CLASS, WORKING FAMILY. AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, THERE'S NO ALCOHOLISM IN MY FAMILY—NOTHING ON EITHER SIDE. NOBODY DRANK. I WENT TO SCHOOL IN MOUNT DORA, PLAYED HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS, MAINLY FOOTBALL, AND PLAYED IN THE BAND. WE WENT TO A BAPTIST CHURCH, AND I WAS PRETTY ACTIVE THERE. FOUR OF US HAD A LITTLE MUSIC GROUP THAT PLAYED FOR DIFFERENT CHURCH EVENTS. AFTER SCHOOL, WHEN I WASN'T DOING SPORTS, I'D HELP OUT IN MY DAD'S BUSINESS TO MAKE A FEW BUCKS.

KEVIN JR: SOUNDS LIKE A NORMAL CHILDHOOD.

BOB C: YEAH, NOTHING OUT OF SORTS THAT I CAN LOOK BACK ON.

KEVIN JR: WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG, DID YOU KNOW WHAT YOU WANTED TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

BOB C: HONESTLY, I HAD NO IDEA. ONE OF MY TEACHERS TOLD ME I SHOULD BE AN ENGINEER, AND THAT'S WHAT I WENT WITH. MY DAD GOT SICK AND BROUGHT MY UNCLE INTO THE BUSINESS, SO THAT DOOR KIND OF CLOSED. ENGINEERING IT WAS.

KEVIN JR: WHERE DID YOU GO TO SCHOOL?

BOB C: STARTED AT A JUNIOR COLLEGE IN GEORGIA AND THEN ENDED UP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA. GOT A DEGREE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, ALTHOUGH I ENDED UP PRACTICING STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING.

KEVIN JR: WHEN DID YOU START DRINKING?

BOB C: RIGHT AFTER HIGH SCHOOL. I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER WHAT THE DRINK WAS. A BUDDY OF MINE WORKED A COUPLE OF DOORS DOWN FROM MY DAD'S BUSINESS, AND ONE DAY HE ASKED IF I WANTED A DRINK. I THOUGHT, "SURE, I'LL TRY IT." THAT'S HOW IT STARTED. NO IDEA WHAT I WAS GETTING INTO.

KEVIN JR: DID YOU DRINK IN COLLEGE?

BOB C: YEAH, I DRANK THROUGH COLLEGE, BUT IT WAS KIND OF ON AND OFF. NOTHING TOO WILD. IT MADE ME FEEL A LITTLE FREER, BUT IT DIDN'T REALLY CAUSE ANY PROBLEMS BACK THEN. ONCE I GOT TO UF THOUGH, WELL... THAT'S A DRINKING SCHOOL! I JOINED A FRATERNITY, AND WE EVEN WON A CHUG-A-LUG CONTEST. HAD A TROPHY AND EVERYTHING. GOT MARRIED DURING MY LAST YEAR OF SCHOOL—MY WIFE GRADUATED A YEAR BEFORE ME. I WAS STILL DRINKING, BUT IT WASN'T OUT OF CONTROL.

KEVIN JR: AND AFTER COLLEGE?

BOB C: STARTED WORKING. TRAVELED A LOT, LIVED OFF AN EXPENSE ACCOUNT. LIFE WAS GOOD FOR A WHILE—FANCY DINNERS, TOP-SHELF BOOZE. BUT THAT LASTED ABOUT 8 YEARS. THEN WE MOVED TO NEW ORLEANS, AND THAT'S WHEN IT ALL CAME APART.

KEVIN JR: WHAT HAPPENED IN NEW ORLEANS?

BOB C: I WAS WORKING FOR A JACKSONVILLE COMPANY. THEY SENT ME OUT THERE FOR A BIG PROJECT. I DIDN'T WANT TO GO—DIDN'T LIKE THE JOB OR THE CITY—BUT THEY INSISTED. MY WIFE WAS PREGNANT WITH OUR SECOND SON, AND THAT ADDED TO THE STRESS. STARTED DRINKING HEAVILY. GOT SOME HEALTH PROBLEMS, INCLUDING LIVER ISSUES. DOCTOR DID A BIOPSY AND SAID I COULD NEVER DRINK AGAIN. I WAS 30. I TRIED TO QUIT, ASKED THE DOCTOR FOR SOMETHING TO HELP. HE SAID HE COULD GIVE ME SOMETHING TO MAKE ME WISH I HADN'T DRUNK. GAVE ME VALIUM FOR THE ANXIETY, WHICH JUST MEANT I DRANK WITH PILLS NOW.

KEVIN JR: HOW BAD DID IT GET?

BOB C: MY SECOND SON WAS BORN IN NEW ORLEANS THE DAY BEFORE MARDI GRAS. ABSOLUTE CHAOS. I WAS DRINKING LIKE CRAZY. AFTER WE BROUGHT HIM HOME, MY WIFE ASKED IF I WANTED TO CALL AA. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT AA WAS, BUT I SAID YES. COUPLE GUYS CAME OVER AND 12 STEPPED ME. THEY TOOK ME FOR A RIDE, DRANK COKES, WENT TO THE BATHROOM A LOT, AND EVENTUALLY TOOK ME TO A MEETING. THAT MEETING WAS AWFUL. ONE GUY STUCK A JIGGER WITH HOLES CUT IN IT IN MY FACE AND SAID, "THIS IS ALL YOU CAN DRINK FROM NOW ON," AND LAUGHED. I THOUGHT, "SCREW YOU." THAT WAS MY FIRST IMPRESSION OF AA—TERRIBLE. THAT STUCK WITH ME FOR YEARS.

KEVIN JR: BUT YOU KEPT COMING BACK?

BOB C: IN AND OUT FROM 1978 TO 1983. I HAVE NO IDEA HOW MANY TIMES. I'D USE THE HOSPITAL FOR DETOX—THERE WEREN'T MANY OPTIONS BACK THEN. ONE DAY, THE DOCTOR TOLD MY WIFE, "GET THAT DAMN DRUNK OUT OF HERE. I DON'T WANT HIM IN MY HOSPITAL ANYMORE." SO, I ENDED UP AT A REAL DETOX IN NEW ORLEANS. DIDN'T STAY SOBER THEN EITHER. I WASN'T INTO DRUGS, BUT I DID DISCOVER THAT A LITTLE POT WOULD STOP SHAKES AND DT'S. I THOUGHT THE AMA NEEDED TO KNOW ABOUT THIS WONDERFUL DISCOVERY, SO I STARTED A LETTER TO INFORM THEM. DON'T THINK I EVER SENT IT SINCE I NEVER GOT ANY RECOGNITION FOR MY CONTRIBUTION.

KEVIN JR: WHAT WAS DIFFERENT IN 1983?

BOB C: THAT SUMMER, WE WERE OUT AT PERDIDO KEY. I HADN'T BEEN DRINKING FOR A WHILE. I WALKED INTO A BEACH BAR, SAW THOSE LONGNECKS SWEATING IN THE COOLER, AND I KNEW—I'M GOING TO DETOX. BUT I DRANK ANYWAY. THAT KICKED OFF A THREE- OR FOUR-WEEK BENDER. I CRASHED THE COMPANY CAR, ENDED UP IN THE HOSPITAL, RAN FROM THE COPS, HID IN THE MIDDLE OF A BUNCH OF BAPTISTS GETTING OUT OF CHURCH AND GOT THE PREACHER TO TAKE ME HOME. MY WIFE HAD TAKEN THE KIDS AND GONE BACK TO HER MOTHER'S. SHE JUST SAID SHE DIDN'T WANT TO SEE ME DIE. I WAS COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTROL.

EVENTUALLY, A BUDDY FOUND ME PASSED OUT, BROKE IN, AND TOOK ME TO DETOX. MY EMPLOYER SAID, "YOU MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE A JOB IF YOU GO, BUT YOU DEFINITELY DON'T HAVE ONE IF YOU DON'T." SO I WENT. AS SOON AS I GOT IN, I WANTED OUT. THEY SAID I HAD TO WAIT 72 HOURS. A DOCTOR FINALLY CAME IN AND SAID, "YOU SHOULD BE DEAD. YOUR BLOOD ALCOHOL IS .41. YOU ARE GOING TO DIE, SO I'M LETTING YOU GO." THAT TOOK THE FIGHT OUT OF ME. WHEN HE SAID I COULD GO, I REALIZED I HAD NO PLACE TO GO, SO IN DESPERATION, I STAYED.

KEVIN JR: WHAT WAS YOUR SOBRIETY DATE?

BOB C: AUGUST 18, 1983. THAT WAS THE DAY I WENT INTO THAT DETOX.

KEVIN JR: WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT?

BOB C: COMPANY BROUGHT ME BACK TO JACKSONVILLE AS NEITHER MY EMPLOYER NOR THE CLIENT WANTED ME IN LOUISIANA. WE MOVED TO ORANGE PARK FOR THE SCHOOLS. THERE WAS ONE MEETING A DAY IN ORANGE PARK—AT A LITTLE PLACE ON KINGSLEY. THAT'S WHERE I GOT STARTED.

KEVIN JR: WHO WAS YOUR SPONSOR?

BOB C: MY FIRST SPONSOR WAS A TRAVELING SALESMAN. HE WAS ONLY IN TOWN ON WEEKENDS, SO WE'D TALK SATURDAYS. I HAD TO CALL HIS WIFE, SHE'D TRACK HIM DOWN AT A MOTEL. SOMETIMES I WOULDN'T HEAR BACK FOR DAYS. BUT HE HELPED ME, AND OTHERS DID TOO. HIS WIFE WAS IN THE PROGRAM, AND SHE GOT ME INTO SERVICE WORK. I'D CALL HER, WHINE ABOUT MY PROBLEMS, AND SHE'D SAY, "TOUGH SHIT. GO HELP A DRUNK." SO I DID.

KEVIN JR: WHAT KIND OF SERVICE DID YOU DO?

BOB C: I STARTED SPONSORING EARLY ON. GOT ON THE 12-STEP LIST. THEY'D CALL AT 2 OR 3 IN THE MORNING TO PICK SOMEONE UP FROM A PAYPHONE AND TAKE THEM TO DETOX. DID THAT A LOT. IF THE SERVICE CENTER WAS FULL, WE'D DUMP THEM AT THE ER. THERE WEREN'T MANY OPTIONS—FOURTH STREET SERVICE CENTER WAS ABOUT IT. I ALSO STARTED LEADING BIG BOOK STUDIES AT A HALFWAY HOUSE IN TOWN. THEY ASKED ME TO DO THREE MONTHS—I STAYED ABOUT 15 YEARS.

KEVIN JR: THAT'S A MAJOR COMMITMENT

BOB C: YEAH, IT STUCK. THREE OF US STARTED THE SOJOURN GROUP IN 1987. THE ORANGE PARK GROUP MOVED TO SMITH STREET WITH THE CLUB, BUT WE STAYED INDEPENDENT. MET IN A LITTLE SHACK OUT TOWARD MIDDLEBURG. EVENTUALLY, THE CHURCH BUILT US A MEETING ROOM. WE'RE STILL THERE TODAY.

KEVIN JR: WHAT ELSE HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN?

BOB C: AFTER I GOT INTO CHURCH AGAIN—THANKS TO MY WIFE TRICKING ME WITH A SOFTBALL LEAGUE—I GOT MORE INVOLVED WITH BIBLE STUDY. I ENDED UP A DEACON, THEN AN ORDAINED MINISTER. STARTED TAKING CHURCH SERVICES INTO CLAY COUNTY JAIL IN 1999 AND I STILL DO THAT. AT SOME POINT, I HAD TO GIVE UP THE BIG BOOK STUDIES TO KEEP MY SANITY, BUT I NEVER LEFT THE WORK. TODAY MY WIFE AND I HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR 57 YEARS AND HAVE A WONDERFUL LIFE. WE HAVE 2 GREAT SONS & DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW AND 5 GRANDKIDS. BECAUSE OF THE PROGRAM I HAVE BEEN BLESSED TO OFFICIATE ONE OF MY SON'S AND ONE OF MY GRANDDAUGHTER'S WEDDINGS. GOD IS AMAZING.

KEVIN JR: DO YOU STILL ATTEND MEETINGS?

BOB C: OH YEAH. GO TO COYOTE TWICE A WEEK, SOJOURN A FEW TIMES, SUNDAY ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE MEETING, AND 7 AM DAILY REFLECTIONS ZOOM MEETING SEVERAL DAYS A WEEK.

KEVIN JR: WHAT'S CHANGED SINCE 1983?

BOB C: LOTS MORE MEETINGS. MORE TREATMENT CENTERS. THAT'S CHANGED THE WAY PEOPLE COME IN. WE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH WHEN I CAME IN—JUST HOSPITALS AND “SHAKE AND BAKE” DETOXES. (WE SWEATED AND SLEPT ON RUBBER SHEETS AND EVERYTHING JUST SHOOK. WE SHOOK TILL WE DIDN'T SHAKE ANY MORE.) PEOPLE TODAY COME IN WITH MORE INFO, MAYBE MORE EXPECTATIONS. SOME MEETINGS HAVE DRIFTED AWAY FROM SINGLENESS OF PURPOSE. THAT'S FINE IF THAT'S THEIR GROUP CONSCIENCE, BUT I PREFER HELPING ALCOHOLICS.

KEVIN JR: YOU STILL USE YOUR OLD BIG BOOK?

BOB C: YEAH. GOT IT IN DETOX. IT'S DOG-EARED, TAPED UP, FULL OF HIGHLIGHTS. STILL USE IT EVERY WEEK. I EVEN CROSS-REFERENCED IT WITH THE BIBLE (AND THIS WAS BEFORE THE INTERNET SO IT WAS ALL MANUAL) — I HAD THE BIG BOOK ON ONE KNEE, THE KING JAMES BIBLE ON THE OTHER AND I CROSS-REFERENCED BIBLE VERSES ALL THROUGH IT. ACCORDING TO DR. BOB'S STORY, THE THREE THINGS THEY USED AS THE BASIS OF THE AA PROGRAM WERE THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT, THE BOOK OF JAMES, AND 13TH CHAPTER, FIRST CORINTHIANS. SO THE BIG BOOK LED ME TO CHURCH. IT'S THE ONE BOOK I CAN STILL READ AND UNDERSTAND, EVEN WHEN I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING ELSE.

KEVIN JR: THAT'S INCREDIBLE. ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE?

BOB C: NAH, I THINK THAT'S MOST OF IT. EXCEPT MAYBE THIS—I FIRST HEARD ABOUT AA IN 1970 DURING THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN MIAMI. THE NEWSPAPER WAS FULL OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS. DIDN'T THINK MUCH OF IT. WHEN BILL WILSON DIED, I READ IT IN THE PAPER AND THOUGHT, “WHAT'LL THOSE POOR PEOPLE DO NOW?” TURNS OUT, THEY DID JUST FINE—AND GOT ME TOO.



NORTHEAST FLORIDA AREA GROUP'S CONTRIBUTIONS

Group Contributions Through July 2025

Group Name	July '25	YTD Total	Mtg Att	Group Name	July '25	YTD Total	Mtg Att
100 Proof Group		\$200.00		Mandarin Women in Recovery	\$100.00	\$300.00	X
11th Step Meeting		\$450.00		Men's Blackeye Group		\$200.00	
7 AM Daily Reflections		\$819.00		Mens Red Eye Group		\$442.00	
7/11 Meditation Group		\$57.89		Nassauville Group		\$100.00	
A Design for Living		\$75.00		New Life Group		\$138.00	
A Way Out Group	\$60.00	\$260.00		Nocatee Sobriety		\$656.00	
Along Spiritual Lines		\$361.25	X	Oak Tree Men's Group	\$250.00	\$700.00	
Amethyst Group	\$59.00	\$240.00	X	Oldest City Men's Group		\$112.00	
Atlantic Beach Mens		\$500.00		On The Way Home Group	\$400.00	\$400.00	
Baymeadows Group			X	One Step At A Time	\$110.19	\$110.19	
BAA		\$215.00		Orange Park Group	\$220.00	\$220.00	
Be Free Friday		\$450.00	X	Orange Park Stepsisters		\$235.31	
Beaches Agnostic & Free Thinkers	\$75.00	\$75.00		Palm Valley Mens Group		\$121.50	
Beaches Books Study		\$200.00		Ponte Vedra Mens Group		\$100.00	
Beaches Unity Group (BUG)	\$360.00	\$4,066.00	X	Ptmary Purpose			X
Big Book Field Study	\$134.00	\$320.00		Rebellion Dogs		\$11.25	
Callahan Group		\$100.00		Reborn Group	\$350.00	\$350.00	
Central Group		\$1,000.00		Riverside Ortega Group		\$230.00	
Clean & Free			X	RULE 62		\$150.00	
Conscious Contact Group		\$615.65		Salisbury Men's Group		\$200.00	
Coyote Mens			X	San Man Group		\$150.00	X
Design for Living		\$167.31		Sandpiper Group	\$90.00	\$195.00	
District 4		\$500.00		Saturday Night Live - St. Aug	\$250.00	\$481.00	
District 6		\$1,041.00		Seascape Group	\$47.70	\$151.80	
Diverse Views		\$9.35		Serenity at Noon Group	\$65.41	\$133.87	
Drop the Rock Group		\$3,106.00	X	Serenity Club		\$0.00	
Eastside Group		\$60.00		Slow Down			X
Evergreen Group		\$30.00		Sober on Purpose		\$200.00	
Fernandina Beach Group		\$2,000.00		Sober Sisters		\$303.00	
Fiesta Group	\$251.56	\$1,411.32		Solutions Group		\$360.00	
Free Thinkers (St. Aug)		\$240.00		Sons of the Spirit		\$71.00	
Free Mens Group		\$232.00		Steppin Up Group		\$101.00	
From The Heart Men's Group		\$210.00	X	Stepping Stones (PV)	\$25.00	\$75.00	
Fruit Cove Women		\$173.00		Sunday Morning Group		\$75.00	
Grace Overcomers		\$45.00		Sunday Morning Meeting Group	\$75.00	\$75.00	
Greenland Road Group		\$50.00		The Alcoholics Group		\$416.30	
Happy Hour Group		\$200.00		The Downtown Group		\$1,100.00	
How It Works		\$96.00	X	The Herd	\$320.00	\$1,982.00	
I Am Responsible Group	\$210.00	\$210.00		The James Gang		\$400.00	
Intensive Care Group 1		\$100.00		The Outsiders Group		\$357.04	
Island Serenity	\$71.00	\$266.00		Third St Third Tradition Group		\$100.00	
Its in the Book		\$75.00		This Too Shall Pass		\$420.00	
Jax Beach Secular & Freethinkers AA		\$150.00		Village Womens Group	\$93.30	\$93.30	
Keep It Simple		\$22.00		Villagers		\$148.80	
Ladies Unity Group		\$339.32		Wesconnett		\$262.00	X
Language of the Heart (St. Aug)		\$113.43		Westside Group	\$20.00	\$20.00	
Lest We Forget		\$225.00		Winners Group	\$20.00	\$20.00	
Living Now Group		\$345.00		Winning Game Group		\$400.00	
Living in the Light		\$716.24		Women Enjoying Sobriety	\$407.00	\$663.00	X
Los Lobos Mens Group		\$200.00		Women YPG		\$50.00	X
LoveNAction		\$30.00	X	Womens Speak	\$35.00	\$35.00	
MAG Serenity Club	\$75.00	\$325.00		Women's Upstart		\$376.86	
Mandarin Big Book Step Study		\$305.41	X	You Are Not Alone		\$217.71	
Mandarin Group	\$86.50	\$86.50		Yulee Group	\$383.14	\$747.03	
# Groups Contributing July 2025	18			Monthly Group Contributions:	\$4,623.80		
IG Reps Attending the July Meeting	19			Annual Group Contributions (Jan - Jul 2025):	\$38,041.63		
Visitors Attending the Meeting:	4						

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CALL FOR MILITARY VETERAN A.A. MEMBERS FOR INTERVIEW PROJECT

The General Service Board trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/ Treatment and Accessibilities is pleased to announce the launch of the "Military Veteran Interview Project". This initiative invites A.A. members who are veterans of the United States or Canadian Armed Forces to participate in a unique opportunity to share their experiences. The goal of this effort is to enhance A.A. outreach efforts specifically tailored to military veterans in the U.S. and Canada.

A key component will be the creation of several audio interviews, in which anonymity-protected A.A. members who are military veterans share their experience, strength, and hope — focusing on the intersection of military service and recovery in A.A. The project is seeking representation from a broad spectrum of veterans across all branches of the Armed Services in Canada and the U.S. The aim is to include voices from a diverse range of backgrounds, ranks, ages, genders, orientations, and operational experiences. Each story will illustrate the journey of recovery and sobriety during or after military service. If you are an A.A. member and would like to learn more about this project or volunteer for an interview, please reach out to the U.S. and Canadian points of contact via email at: militaryoutreach@aa.org.

The anonymity of all participants will be rigorously protected. Please share this information widely within the A.A. Fellowship to reach as many members and trusted servants as possible. Listen to audio interviews of active-duty A.A. members at aa.org/military.



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