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## **NORTHEAST FLORIDA INTERGROUP**

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OFFICE HOURS  
9 AM TO 5 PM MONDAY-FRIDAY



## **INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, AT 9:00  
AM  
BUFFET BREAKFAST STARTS AT  
7:30 AM  
SPEAKER MEETING AT 8 AM -  
CHUCK C.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025 AT  
9:00 AM  
SPEAKER MEETING AT 8 AM -  
ALLEN S.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY SERVICES  
555 STOCKTON ST.  
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32204

ZOOM INFORMATION  
MEETING ID: 870 4750 2345  
PASSCODE: 314187

## **STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2025, AT  
5:30 PM AT IG OFFICE

ZOOM INFORMATION  
MEETING ID: 881 4593 5259  
PASSCODE: 587098

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# 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.”

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# TRADITION ELEVEN

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# ELEVENTH CONCEPT

“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.”

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## INTERGROUP OFFICE LOG JULY

	2025	2024
PHONE ARMY	63	117
AA CALLS	127	62
12 STEP	2	2
VISITORS	86	86

# District Meetings

	DCM	Email	Phone	Monthly Meeting
District 1	Erica C.	<a href="mailto:Kay_carter@outlook.com">Kay_carter@outlook.com</a>	904-718-3863	Hybrid, 1st Tuesday @ 6 pm, JABA Club 3645 Spring Park Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32207 In Trailer Zoom ID 86974289509 PWD D1GSR
District 2	Kris P.	<a href="mailto:krispatrick@bellsouth.net">krispatrick@bellsouth.net</a>	352-235-1119	Zoom, 3rd Saturday @ 10 am: Zoom ID 89390953434 PWD 465935
District 3	Jim D.	<a href="mailto:dcmd3area14@gmail.com">dcmd3area14@gmail.com</a>	414-801-1166	3rd Sunday @ 1 pm: Zoom ID 9043142022 PWD D3A14
District 4	Kevin S.	<a href="mailto:77fgtb@gmail.com">77fgtb@gmail.com</a>	908-616-7168	Zoom, 3rd Thursday @ 7 pm: Zoom ID 81509711457 PWD 841276
District 6	Shanna B.	<a href="mailto:shannagb1001@gmail.com">shannagb1001@gmail.com</a>	901-674-7594	In Person, 1st Monday @ 6 pm, Memorial Lutheran Church 3375 US 1 South, St. Augustine, FL 32077
District 24	Patrick O.	<a href="mailto:patrickortiz45@gmail.com">patrickortiz45@gmail.com</a>	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.	<a href="mailto:jkintner@yahoo.com">jkintner@yahoo.com</a>	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.	<a href="mailto:debarris1@gmail.com">debarris1@gmail.com</a>	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



Anonymous  
Anonymous

James. F.  
Jill W.

Linda B.  
Mayra V.

Andrew O.  
Blair S.

Jodi T.  
John c.

Paul F.  
Ruth R.

Deborah F.  
Holly c.

Kara B.  
Kenny S.

Susan I.  
William B.

**SCAN QR CODE TO  
JOIN THE  
GRATEFUL  
GIVERS CLUB**



# Change to Bylaws of Northeast Florida Intergroup, Inc.

## Change in *Italics*

### Add paragraph B

#### ARTICLE X: FINANCIAL

**FINANCING:** Funds for operations shall be by individual and group contributions, the sale of literature and other approved items and fund raisers.

**A.** The IG Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer have signatory authority for checks written on the IG account *Only one signature* will be required for authentication for any check and no expenditure over \$1,000, whether a one-time expense or cumulative, *except for* literature purchases, rent, payroll, or banquet expenses will be made without prior approval from a majority present at a regularly scheduled or special meeting of the IG body.

The fiduciary officers shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Treasurer. Two of the three signatures are required on all banking transactions, *except checks*, with one signature preferably being the Treasurer's. These officers are also responsible for signing contracts for Northeast Florida IG Services, Inc. The IG office shall maintain a cashbox fund not to exceed \$100.00 for the POS system.

**B. Prudent Reserve:** *The prudent reserve is to cover North Florida Intergroup operating expenses during unexpected financial shortfalls, such as unusually low donations, increased expenses, or a loss in funding. The reserve provides a buffer to maintain stability and continue operations until more typical income levels are restored. The finance committee monitors and makes recommendations to the Steering committee regarding the level of funding in the prudent reserve.*

## GROUP HISTORY

SOJOURN GROUP  
557 Madison Avenue Orange Park 32065



- First Meeting: November 1, 1987
- Group spun off the Orange Park Group after outgrowing the capacity of the room.
- Meeting Places: 640 Kingsley Av., after Orange Park Group moved to its current location. In January 1989 it moved to 557 Madison Ave. That building was demolished in 2010 and a new one was built and opened in the same year.
- Founders: Bob C. and Bill and Meg H.
- Group is home to a large group of AA Motorcyclists
- Group Service: The Clay County Jail
- Type meetings: Men and Women Open Discussion, Open Big Book Study, Open Beginners, Candlelight Open discussion
- 8 meetings per week

**DISTRICT 6 ANNUAL GRATITUDE DINNER**

NOVEMBER 15TH, 2025

St. Anastasia Catholic Church, 5205 A1A South, St. Augustine, FL

5 PM- DOORS OPEN 6 PM- DINNER  
8 PM- SPEAKER

Turkey, ham, stuffing, green beans, mashed potatoes, and gravy are provided. Please bring one of the following to share:  
Odd sobriety year- dessert  
Even sobriety year-side dish

50/50 DRAWING - SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN - CAKE AUCTION  
(Please bring disposable cake container to participate)

\$15 donation per person at the door (no one turned away)  
To pay in advance use the 7th tradition page on the district website OR scan QR code-Please use GRATITUDE for the memo!

Vermo Me  Cash App Me 

Contact Shanna B with questions 901.674.7594 or shannagb1001@gmail.com

To volunteer go to the Local Events Page on the District website!

11th Annual  
National A.A. Technology Workshop

November 7-9, 2025

Registration is Now Open  
for our Hybrid Workshop!

Join us in person at  
The Hilton at the  
Cincinnati/Northern  
Kentucky International  
Airport (CVG)



Or register to attend  
online via Zoom

<https://naatw.org/2025-naatw-workshop/>

2025 Theme  
Adapt | Connect | Protect:  
Building the A.A. Technology Toolbox



Scan Here  
for 2025  
Event Page



DISTRICT 30  
PRESENTS  
THE ANNUAL

# MASQUERADE BALL

COSTUME CONTEST + PRIZES

*Anonymous but not Invisible*

TICKETS \$20 W/DINNER (\$10 WITHOUT) - ORDER BY 10/25!  
DINNER, GUEST SPEAKER, RAFFLE & DANCING

1ST NOV. 2025

GUEST SPEAKER  
EVONNE H  
MUSIC BY  
DJ G-REG

DRESS TO IMPRESS, PARKING NEAR GYM

DOORS OPEN AT 5:15 PM, DINNER STARTS AT 5:45

BAYMEADOWS BAPTIST CHURCH (GYM) - 4826 BAYMEADOWS RD, JAX, FL 32217

TICKETS 704.904.3867 abnimasqball@gmail.com

## HOLIDAY PIZZA PARTY



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## SPEAKER MEETING

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>

HOSTED BY DISTRICT 1

PLEASE BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30

DINNER 6PM

SPEAKER 7PM

SPEAKERS

JANE AND JAMES L.

FROM TALLAHASSEE

50/ 50 RAFFLE

GIVEAWAYS

LOCATION:

JABA CLUB

3645 SPRING PARK RD

JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207

COFFEE BAR WILL BE OPEN TO PURCHASE DRINKS



NORTHEAST FL INTERGROUP WORKSHOP COMMITTEE PRESENTS:  
The "Five Big Delusions of Alcoholism" Workshop Content written by  
Harold L. of St. Louis, MO



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

10am - 3pm

(DOORS OPEN @ 9:30)

ST. JOHN'S  
CATHEDRAL  
256 E. Church St.  
Jacksonville, FL 32223

The Big Book is very specific about the delusional nature of the alcoholic who enters the rooms of A.A. How many of us maintain these delusions even into our sobriety? At this workshop you will learn what the book says the "Five Big Delusions" are and how to recognize them in your daily life.

There is no cost for this event although your voluntary contribution is welcomed to help cover the lunch and refreshments that will be served.

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

**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**



## October

### Arlington Group

Steve H. 35 yrs.  
Jennifer K. 18 yrs.  
Donna S. 18 yrs.  
Brandon H. 14 yrs.  
Karl K. 6 yrs.  
Destiny B. 2 yrs.  
April J. 1 yr.

### Beaches Unity Group

Kat W. 1yr.  
Todd D. 2 yrs.  
Jim G. 46 yrs.  
Gabe 1 yr.  
Jess M. 7 yrs.  
Dave 9 yrs.  
Carolle H. 30 yrs.  
Mike I. 3yrs.  
Bryan 6 yrs.

### Central Group

Jack H. 10 yrs.  
Sean S. 2 yrs.  
Sue L. 6 yrs.  
Spunkaaay 2 yrs.  
JD. 10 yrs.  
James I. 21 yrs.  
Melissa D. 9 yrs.

### Fiesta Group

Denise H. 1 yr.  
McQuire 7 yrs.  
Shirley T. 11 yrs.  
Jack H. 10 yrs.  
Nikki 1 yr.  
Cassie "Y" 1 yr.  
Kim K. 11 yrs.  
Rebekah K. 11 yrs.  
Kim M. 13 yrs.  
Isabelle B. 1 yr.  
Valerie J. 4 yrs.  
Tony W. 4 yrs.  
Stephen C. 41 yrs.

### Mandarin Women

**September**  
Nancy 1yr.  
Nycole 37 yrs.

**October**  
Sabra 22 yrs.  
Ellen 2 yrs.  
Jan 29 yrs.

### Drop The Rock

**September**  
Jill W. 9 yrs.

**September**  
Jim S. 1 yr.

### Winners Group

Mate 3 yrs.  
Steve C. 1 yr.



## November

### Arlington Group

Bob M. 35 yrs.  
Frank C. 32 yrs.  
Donald B. 2 yrs.  
Elizabeth D. 2yrs.  
Matt S. 2 yrs.  
Renee L. 2 yrs.  
Bobby A. 2 yrs.  
John W. 2 yrs.

### Beaches Unity Group

Linda B. 12 yrs.  
Chris L. 19 yrs.  
Allen B. 2 yrs.  
Matt R. 4 yrs.  
Madison M. 2 yrs.  
Susan H. 26 yrs.  
Ashton E. 10 yrs.  
Daegan B. 1 yr.  
Lauren H. 3 yrs.  
Tim D. 12 yrs.  
Edward B. 4 yrs.  
Ron G. 47 yrs.

### Central Group

Bruce M. 35 yrs.  
Iris F.

### Trout River Group

Doretha B. 19 yrs.  
Dallas H. 2 yrs.  
Holly R. 1 yr.  
Philip R. 1 yr.  
Nora C. 1 yr.

### Fiesta Group

Nikki 1 yr.  
Mayra 6 yrs.  
Tia 15 yrs.  
Darrick 1 yr.  
Iris  
Bill B. 29 yrs.  
Bruce M. 35 yrs.  
Ruth H. 32 yrs.  
Karen  
LH Bill

### LoveNaction

**October**  
Valerie J. 4 yrs.

**November**  
Evonne H. 22 yrs.  
Lindsey P. 2 yrs.  
Jessica P. 7 yrs.

### Winners Group

Ron M 28 yrs.  
Paulette 7 yrs.

### Mandarin Women

Erin 4yrs.  
Sharon 4 yrs.  
Ashley W. 7 yrs.  
Lolita 8 yrs.  
Ann 9 yrs.  
Gwen 38 yrs.

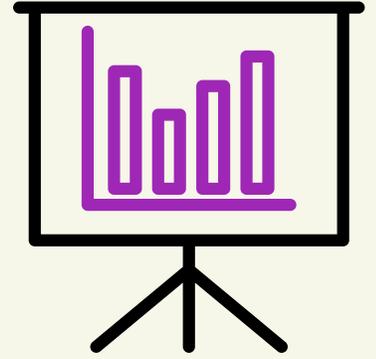
### Drop The Rock

Deborah R. 41 yrs.



**ACCOUNT BALANCES - SEPT. 2025**

<b>Checking/Savings:</b>	
1021 - Cash Regions Bank-Operating	\$12,556.91
1022 - Cash Regions Bank-Savings	\$5,525.00
1024 - Cash-in-Draw	\$103.28
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>\$18,185.19</b>
<b>1360 - Inventory</b>	<b>\$10,765.48</b>
<b>1400 - Prudent Reserve</b>	
1476 - Regions Bank - CD #001	\$10,000.00
1481 - Regions Bank - CD #002	\$10,000.00
1486 - Regions Bank - CD #003	\$10,000.00
<b>Total 1400 - Prudent Reserve</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>



# FINANCE REPORT



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

	Sep 25	Sep 24
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
4000 - Contribution Income		
4002 - Groups	3,387.14	3,127.36
4003 - Pink Can Contribution	197.81	126.53
4005 - Grateful Givers	235.05	215.55
4006 - Birthdays	19.00	
4007 - Other Contributions	100.00	100.00
4000 - Contribution Income - Other	1,551.36	
<b>Total 4000 - Contribution Income</b>	<b>5,490.36</b>	<b>3,569.44</b>
4020 - Retail Sales	3,460.08	2,638.46
4040 - Other Income		
4042 - Business Meeting	95.00	80.00
<b>Total 4040 - Other Income</b>	<b>95.00</b>	<b>80.00</b>
4060 - Income - Special Events		
4062 - Banquet	2,230.00	2,850.00
4065 - Cake Auction	9,061.00	
<b>Total 4060 - Income - Special Events</b>	<b>11,291.00</b>	<b>2,850.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>20,336.44</b>	<b>9,137.90</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>		
4510 - Cost of Retail Sales	2,950.73	1,958.36
5001 - Cost of Revenues - Other		
4540 - Cost of Event - Banquet Expense	719.83	920.85
5215 - IG Business Meeting Expense	95.00	
5195 - CC Fees	273.97	113.04
<b>Total 5001 - Cost of Revenues - Other</b>	<b>1,088.80</b>	<b>1,033.89</b>
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>4,039.53</b>	<b>2,992.25</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>16,296.91</b>	<b>6,145.65</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
60000 - Salaries and Benefits		
6560 - Wages	3,142.00	3,514.13
6561 - PTO	148.00	
6565 - Payroll Taxes	254.04	298.87
<b>Total 60000 - Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b>3,544.04</b>	<b>3,813.00</b>
61000 - Office Expense	680.25	1,131.48
62000 - Facilities and maintenance	1,371.68	1,184.68
65000 - Committees Expense	364.95	420.37
70900 - Business Expenses		15.11
62100 - Contract Services		300.00
65100 - Other Expenses	20.00	20.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>5,980.92</b>	<b>6,884.64</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>10,315.99</b>	<b>-738.99</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Other Income</b>		
73000 - Miscellaneous Income	9.51	139.41
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>9.51</b>	<b>139.41</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>9.51</b>	<b>139.41</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>10,325.50</b>	<b>-599.58</b>

SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILED FINANCIALS YEAR-TO-DATE

# Old Timer Story

## LONG-TIMER: MARIE B.

I was born in June 1954 on Long Island, New York, to an American dad and a Filipino mom. We were a military family, so I grew up moving around—Kentucky, Alaska, the Philippines and eventually here in Florida. Moving that often meant I was always the new kid, shy and unsure if I would fit in. I learned to watch what people wanted to hear and then say it, just so I wouldn't stand out too much. That habit carried right into my drinking years.

There were good things, too. I had a multicultural childhood and a love of science that started early. By sixth grade, when we lived in the Philippines, I already wanted to be a marine biologist and dreamed of working with dolphins. I never got to dolphins, but I did build a career in environmental and marine sciences.

I trace my drinking back to when I was five. We were living in Kentucky and my mom often had the Filipino community over for parties. There was always a keg of beer. I wanted what the grown-ups had, so my dad said, "Give her some so she won't want it later." What it did was the opposite—it lit the fuse. I loved the taste, but more than that, I loved how it made me feel. Suddenly I felt comfortable, like I belonged. That feeling—fitting in—was what I was always chasing.

Even so, I didn't drink through grade school or high school. I was a loner with little socializing. The real drinking started in college when I moved into a dorm my junior year. For the first time, I was away from home, surrounded by people who partied. I discovered that same old feeling of wanting to fit in which, for me meant drinking. From then on, drinking was how I had fun or so I thought.

Alcoholism ran in my family. My Chinese grandfather drank heavily and well as my American Grandfather who eventually died in a half-way house.

In my mid-twenties I was starting to move into a rental apartment in Pensacola when unknown to me the gas was not yet hooked up to the stove. As my neighbor and I tried to light the hot water heater the gas ignited and I spent some time in a nearby hospital. We took the case all the way to the Florida Supreme Court and changed a law allowing tenants to sue their landlords. Thanks to AA and working the steps I can see where I had a part in what happened to me and could also see how Higher Power brings good out of a tragic situation. But during that period, I noticed something I couldn't ignore. I'd meet with my attorney in the morning, and when he ordered a drink, I said, "Me too." I knew then what I was. I'd read the AA Big Book in another 12-step program and it is true what they say, "Reading the Big Book will ruin your drinking". That was certainly true for me.. Once I saw myself in those pages, I couldn't pretend anymore.

By then I was living in Ft. Myers, Florida, when I admitted I might have a problem. I still questioned whether or not I was an alcoholic since in comparing myself to others in the meeting “I was not that bad”. I told myself others drank more, or worse. I’d never been to jail, never even had a DUI, though I probably should have. I was a “follow the rules” kid—my dad was a cop—so I always found a way to stop just short. I ended up going back out and trying some more controlled drinking which I never achieved. The messages I heard while in the rooms especially the progression of the disease and the precious fellowship fully convinced me that yes I am an alcoholic and my life will only get worse, following in the steps of my grandfathers. I have not had a drink since that moment of realization. I went back to meetings and immersed myself into the fellowship. I was still not working the steps but in the beginning meetings and fellowship were enough to keep me sober. Step work came when I moved to Jacksonville. I scared myself as I had put off going to meetings and after one night out partying with fellow workers, not drinking, I knew it was a matter of time before I picked up a drink and back to meetings I went.

In those first sober years in Fort Myers, my roommate Shari was in the program and our friend Mary along with a few other women became my “mini group”. Without their support and guidance, I don’t think I would have stayed sober. I cannot emphasize enough how important those women were and are to my early sobriety. Most of us are still sober and I will actually be seeing them soon for a mini-reunion. That sense of fellowship saved me and continues to this day.

My first sponsor that I actually used was Johnnye I here in Jacksonville. She was a no-nonsense, loving sponsor who gave me a firm foundation in AA. By this time, I had met and married Bill B. I thought marrying someone in AA would make marriage easier. I was wrong. Like everything worthwhile it took us working the steps and heavy involvement for both of us in AA; a couple of marriage counselors didn’t hurt. Thank God for the steps and recovery which helped us make it to 37 years before he passed in 2021. He is still the best friend I ever had and we both attribute our marriage to a loving God which we had as the third part in the triangle of our marriage. At one particularly difficult time, after screaming quite loud at HP I heard the message of “How you feel is not Bill’s fault and you are only married one day at a time”. I never forgot that message.

Service was a big part of our recovery, especially Bills. In the early days they didn’t let me make coffee because I brewed it like motor oil, but I could get the cake. I’ll never forget my first anniversary cake—what a miracle to have people celebrate me for staying sober a year. I was taught that AA meetings and the service structure don’t happen by themselves and if I want AA to stick around for me and those to come, I needed to get involved. I didn’t always want to do it even to this day but I did it anyway. That’s just what we do.

My service deepened when I got involved in archives. At the time, there was no local archive, so I started interviewing old-timers and collecting their stories. I met Duke and Katie P., who are mentioned in Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers. Katie taught me a lot about early AA history and how the wives had to sponsor the women in the beginning since they were not allowed at meetings. We’ve come a long way by God’s grace.

One of my projects was to come up with an exhibit for a Florida State Convention here in Jacksonville. I suggested we build a history tree of AA groups in Florida. I wrote to the General Service Office and got their records, then with a friend began charting when groups had registered. I was not too good at drawing a tree, and then one day I came across a tree someone in my office drew on a piece of poster board. I never found out who drew it but it was more evidence that God will provide what we need. I just had to be willing. We listed all the meetings provided by GSO on that tree. That “borrowed tree” ended up displayed in the San Marco Club, much to my surprise and later became part of Florida AA history. It reminded me that you never know where your service work will end up.

I was sponsored with an “old-school” approach and thus it’s the only way I know how to sponsor: Big Book, steps as written, meetings, and service. No shortcuts. Sometimes sponsees or others want to call and just talk about their problem. I find doing that too long is harmful to them in the long run. I ask if they’ve done their tenth step or if they have been doing their meditation as taught in Step 11. If not, I ask them to do the work and then we will talk about it. . It sounds tough, but I have found that living in and rehashing the problem helps no one and can be harmful. It was not how I was sponsored. In the early days I was a manipulative crier when I wanted sympathy but not really a solution and it was always someone else’s’ fault. Johnny would hand me a paper bag to breathe into and when I settled down, we would talk about how I was causing my own problem. I thought she was mean back then but I see the wisdom in it today. My current sponsor has told me “to get over it” if I want to live in the problem more that I want to live in the solution. And sometimes I do just need to get over it.

Over the years I have watched AA grow here in Jacksonville. In the early days, assemblies were small affairs in modest hotel conference rooms. Bill became a GSR and later a DCM, faithfully going to area meetings. I saw treatment centers begin to send busloads of people to meetings. I don’t see that so much today but it was very interesting in the early days. I also saw the culture shift. There’s still enthusiasm in AA, but less of the camaraderie I knew back then—less of the parties, the after-meeting gatherings that gave me a sense of family. Of course that may also mean I need to get out more.

The hardest chapter of my life was losing Bill. We were best friends, partners in service, and daily companions. When he died, I was devastated. But AA saved me again. My sponsor, Bill’s sponsor and others were at our house the day he died when I returned from the hospital. A fellow was with me when the Doctor said he had passed. It was and is a rough time but I never feel alone. I knew I couldn’t let grief take my sobriety. Sobriety isn’t just not drinking—it’s living in the program. The fellowship held me up until I could stand again.

What I’ve learned is this: the Big Book is right. If I have a problem, the problem is me. When I do the work, I get the results. When I don’t, I cause my own suffering. Service, unity, and recovery aren’t abstract ideas—they’re practical tools. Service keeps me useful. Unity keeps the groups alive. Recovery keeps me alive.

While AA has changed since I came in, the heart of it is still here. We each carry the responsibility to keep it alive, just as someone did for all of us. For me, that's the only way I've made it this far—and the only way I'll keep going. Thank God for Alcoholics Anonymous.

Thanks For Your Share

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