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The first edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous makes this brief statement about membership: "The only requirement for membership is an honest desire to stop drinking. We are not allied with any particular faith, sect or denomination nor do we oppose anyone. We simply wish to be helpful to those who are afflicted." This expressed our feeling as of 1939, the year our book was published.

Since that day all kinds of experiments with membership have been tried. The number of membership rules which have been made (and mostly broken!) are legion.

Two or three years ago the

Ours Not to Judge

by Bill W.

Central Office asked the groups to list their membership rules and send them in. After they arrived we set them all down. They took a great many sheets of paper. A little reflection upon these many rules brought us to an astonishing conclusion. If all of these edicts had been in force everywhere at once it would have been practically impossible for any alcoholic to have ever joined Alcoholics Anonymous. About nine-tenths of our oldest and best members could never have got by!

Who'd Have Lasted?

In some cases we would have been too discouraged by the demands made upon us. Most of the early members of A.A. would have been thrown out because they slipped too much, because their morals were too bad, because they had mental as well as alcoholic difficulties. Or, believe it or not, because they did not come from the so-called better classes of society. We oldsters could have been excluded for our failure to read the book Alcoholics Anonymous or the refusal of our sponsor to vouch for us as a candidate. And so on ad infinitum. The way our "worthy" alcoholics have sometime tried to judge the "less worthy" is, as we look back on it, rather comical. Imagine, if you can, one alcoholic judging another!

At one time or another most A.A. Groups go on rule-making benders. Naturally enough, too, as a Group commences to grow rapidly it is confronted with many alarming problems. Panhandlers begin to pan-handle. Members get drunk and sometimes get others drunk with them. Those with mental difficulties throw depressions or break out into paranoid denunciations of fellow members. Gossips gossip, and righteously denounce the local Wolves and Red Riding Hoods. Newcomers argue that they aren't alco-

holics at all, but keep coming around anyway. "Slpees" trade on the fair name of A.A., in order to get themselves jobs. Others refuse to accept all the 12 Steps of the Recovery Program. Some go still further, saying that, the "God business" is bunk and quite unnecessary. Under these conditions our conservative program-abiding members get scared. These appalling conditions must be controlled, they think. Else A.A. will surely go to rack and ruin. They view with alarm for the good of the Movement!

At this point the Group enters the rule and regulation phase. Charters, by-laws and membership rules are excitedly passed and authority is granted committees to filter out undesirables and discipline the evil doers. Then the Group Elders, now clothed with authority, commence to get busy. Recalcitrants are cast into the outer darkness, respectable busybodies throw stones at the sinners. As for the so-called sinners, they either insist on staying around, or else they form a new Group of their own. Or maybe they join a more congenial and less intolerant crowd in their neighborhood. The Elders soon discover that the rules and regulations aren't working very well. Most attempts at enforcement generate such waves of dissension and intolerance in the Group that this condition is presently recognized to be worse for the Group life than the very worst that the worst ever did.

After a time fear and intolerance subside. The Group survives unscathed. Everybody has learned a great deal. So it is, that few of us are any longer afraid of what any newcomer can do to our A.A. reputation or effectiveness. Those who slip, those who pan-handle, those who

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Sharing around the coffee pot

by Jack R.

ME...an inferiority complex? MMMM...How about you? Do you have an inferiority complex or have you checked? Perhaps you're not even aware of it or how it may be affecting your life. Somewhere in the past I read that one common trait that all alcoholics share is our inferiority complex. Well, I don't know about you, but I for one do believe it. My inferiority complex was truly humungous.

Do a personnel check on yourself and be honest. I don't care how long you have been sober, it might still be with you. While I was drinking, I can remember how I tried to cover it up. I would act as though I always knew what was best in any situation, what to do, what to say, what was best for you, etc. I tried to act confident and if I wasn't sure or even if I knew I was dead wrong I still wouldn't admit it. When you feel inferior it is really a lost feeling. You know you are out of your element. It is part of our spiritual disease. And this part of the disease can stay with you for many years.

As I progressed through the spiritual growth offered by the AA program I learned ways to help rid myself of this complex. One thing that helped a great deal was to know that my Higher Power was walking with me every day of my life. This made me more confident. My confidence was in Him. When I was in a situation that I didn't understand, I knew that He did.

Another thing that is a great help in getting rid of an inferiority complex is service work. Oh, I know, you don't want to hear about that again. But if you want you're freedom, you will listen. When I came into AA and they wanted me to do service work, it literally scared me to death. My confidence to do something unfamiliar was nonexistent. Ignoring them seemed to be my only way out. Or maybe don't go to the meetings where they wanted me to volunteer. I didn't realize how inferior this kept me feeling.

Oh I worked with drunks and I did twelve step work but that came easy to me. It was the other things that scared me most. Like chairing meetings, speaking at meetings, being a DCM, a GSR, an officer in my home group, District or Intergroup. Volunteering for the things that scared me; that's where the real growth was. Anyone can do what comes easy to them.

Maybe you aren't even aware of your inferiority complex and how it holds you back. Wouldn't you like to feel more confident? Service work can help you resolve this issue. It will help remove this roadblock from your spiritual growth. Trust me, I know whereof I speak. I have been through it all. When you get tired of avoiding certain people and when you get tired of living in fear, you will begin to volunteer for the jobs that scare you. Then, you will soar like an eagle and your happiness and serenity will expand greatly.

Believe me, I wouldn't stick my neck out and say this if I didn't believe it. Writing these articles is something I have never done before. **Fear Not, Only Believe.**



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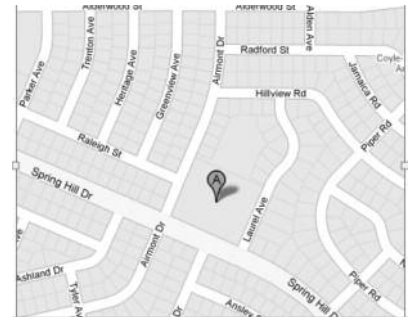
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District Meetings Calendar 2011



Monday • 6:15 PM
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
6193 Spring Hill Drive
Spring Hill, FL

September..12
October3
November.....7
December.....5

I hope everyone is looking forward to the Gratitude Dinner, Nov. 5th at Jerome Brown Community Center. Our theme is, 'we are self supporting through our own contributions'; or, 'the home group is the backbone of AA'. The committee really hasn't decided yet, but you get the jest. Everyone seems to be looking forward to each groups raffle basket. Know that all proceeds from the raffle will go back into the running of Intergroup.

On that note I am asking you to go back to your groups and make sure your group is doing some sort of pie distribution from your weekly basket. As always, Intergroup is hurting in these summer months. From June through October is our lowest contribution months. Intergroup is where you get your books, medallions, where and whens, hotline, Communiqué and internet. Personally, I don't feel it is us individually, we all give, we see it at every meeting. But the groups need to part with the money and send it to Intergroup and the other entities that Alcoholic Anonymous suggests on a monthly basis. An example... there are 86 meetings a week in Hernando County. If each meeting gave 10.00 a month to

Intergroup, we would have \$860.00. And what would that get us? We would not need to dip into our prudent reserve and we could have a steady supply of books, medallions, etc. We could fund more events and activities because as we all know, we are not a glum lot.

The Intergroup office will be putting in an occasional wish list in the Communiqué so if anyone's home group would like to specifically contribute that item that would be greatly appreciated. Then you would know exactly what your contribution went to. For example, we would like a bench outside the office and are in need of fifteen more dollars to purchase it..... Just a thought.

We all know things always work out and there is always enough, but sometimes we get nervous about things so it is our responsibly to put out there what we need and then have trust and faith that our needs will be met.

See you all at the Gratitude Dinner. Thank God for AA!

Syd G.
Intergroup Chair

According to the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, "It is clear now that we ought never to name boards to govern us, but it is equally clear that we shall always need to authorize workers to serve us."

Cecilia R., our trusted servant and Delegate for Area 14 will be in District 13 to share her delegate's report at our September Unity Meeting. Please join us to learn what happened during the last General Service Conference in New York in May. She will also share her experience, strength and hope along with introducing other representatives involved at the Area level Service Structure who will be visiting. This is a once a year chance to find out about how our grass roots ideas are carried to the General Assembly. It is also an opportunity to ask questions and share your thoughts with our Area Delegate. The presentation should provide for an informative and thought provoking evening. Mark your calendar for September 10th.

How long has your group had meetings? Who were the founders? Are there stories you would like to document as part of the group's legacy? As part of achieving their goals for this year, our Archives Committee has been busy video recording Group Histories. A presentation of these was done at our last District Meeting. If your group has a story to tell and preserve for new comers and those yet to come, please contact our Archives Chair, Mary T. to arrange to tell it.

As DCM, part of my responsibility is to sit on an Area Committee. For my term I have been tasked to the Administrative Committee for the Area Website. I'm telling you this in hope you will check out the new North Florida Area Website.

(www.northflorida.org - click on the "Visit the New Website" button at the top of the Home page.) The new website has an area on its Home page which can be linked to our local District and Intergroup sites. If you click on the link for District 13 and also the link to the Hernando County Intergroup you will be redirected to our Hernando County Intergroup website. Also on the new website, you have the option of viewing it in English or Spanish. Links to Service Committees and Officers are also provided. When you get a chance, have a look and let me know your feedback. The new site is still a work in progress and our District can help to construct its future.

District 13 will be hosting the Registration desk at the next Area Assembly in St. Augustine. The dates are October 14, 15 and 16th. If you would like to volunteer and have an interest in working the desk and being in the midst of an Area function please give me a call.

And...just in case I haven't mentioned it before it is a pleasure to represent District 13 at the Area Assembly. We can have as many votes at the Assembly as we have Groups represented by their GSR or GSR - Alternate. Thank you to those groups who support your GSR by sending them to Assembly. If your group cannot afford to send your GSR, District has available a set of rooms (1 male, 1 female) for those groups who are not able to finance GSR room costs. Attend the District meeting to find out how to get booked for a bed and pillow at the next Assembly.

Trudging along just like everyone else - yours in service,

Lori P.
DCM District 13

District 13 Update

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scandalize, those with mental twists, those who rebel at the program, those who trade on the A.A. reputation—all such persons seldom harm an A.A. Group for long. Some of these have become our most respected and best loved. Some have remained to try our patience, sober nevertheless. Others have drifted away. We have begun to regard these ones not as menaces, but rather as our teachers. They oblige us to cultivate patience, tolerance and humility. We finally see that they are only people sicker than the rest of us, that we who condemn them are the Pharisees whose false righteousness does our Group the deeper spiritual damage.

Ours Not to Judge

Every older A.A. shudders when he remembers the names of persons he once condemned; people he confidently predicted would never sober up; persons he was sure ought to be thrown out of A.A. for the good of the movement. Now that some of these very persons have been sober for years, and may be numbered among his best friends, the oldtimer thinks to himself "What if everybody had judged these people as I once did? What if A.A. had slammed its door in their faces? Where would they be now?"

That is why we all judge the newcomer less and less. If alcohol is an uncontrollable problem to him and he wishes to do something about it, that is enough for us. We care not whether his case is severe or light, whether his morals are good or bad, whether he has other complications or not. Our A.A. door stands wide open, and if he passes through it

and commences to do anything at all about his problem, he is considered a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. He signs nothing, agrees to nothing, promises nothing. We demand nothing. He joins us on his own say so. Nowadays, in most Groups, he doesn't even have to admit he is an alcoholic. He can join A.A. on the mere suspicion that he may be one, that he may already show the fatal symptoms of our malady.

Of course this is not the universal state of affairs throughout A.A. Membership rules still exist. If a member persists in coming to meetings drunk he may be led outside; we may ask someone to take him away. But in most Groups he can come back next day, if sober. Though he may be thrown out of a club, nobody thinks of throwing him out of A.A. He is a member as long as he says he is. While this broad concept of A.A. membership is not yet unanimous, it does represent the main current of A.A. thought today. We do not wish to deny anyone his chance to recover from alcoholism. We wish to be just as inclusive as we can, never exclusive.

Perhaps this trend signifies something much deeper than a mere change of attitude on the question of membership. Perhaps it means that we are losing all fear of those violent emotional storms which sometimes cross our alcoholic world; perhaps it bespeaks our confidence that every storm will be followed by a calm; a calm which is more understanding, more compassionate, more tolerant than any we ever knew before.

Tradition Nine

A.A., as such, ought never be organized but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Alcoholics Anonymous is a simple program but at times organization is needed to avoid chaos. AA has no membership rules, does not discipline its members or force obedience to rules and regulations. It gives no power to any members to govern. Therefore, any members willing to be responsible for chores; from making coffee to serving as a trustee does so knowing his position gives him no authority or power. He is a trusted servant responsible to those he serves. Patience and humility are requisites to serving; we have no bosses. Alcoholics can not be dictated to – individually or collectively.

Our primary purpose is to help other alcoholics stay sober and achieve sobriety.

A.A. has to function in an organized manner but it needs to avoid any danger of an individual or group gaining wealth or prestige which is often entrenched in power. Therefore we authorize workers to serve us for a short period of time. Service rotation is necessary to maintain this humility. Alcoholics are human and the feeling of authority can become a heady addiction. We need to continually be drawing in other members to take over positions of service. GSR, Sponsors and groups need to continually educate and nourish members willing to serve. A.A. relies on its traditions to maintain the concept that our leaders do not govern, they serve. Respect and love are the keys to service.

Pam P.
Alternate DCM

Coming Events

September 2-5, 2011

25th Tampa Bay Fall Roundup
Tampa
www.tampabayfallroundup.com

September 16-18, 2011

37th ILAA Conference
Write: Ch., 3715 W Barcelona St.
Tampa, FL 33629

November 5, 2011

Gratitude Dinner
Jerome Brown Community Center

Spanish AA Meeting at the "A" Club

County Line Industrial Park
18922 Titus Rd.
(Off County Line Road)
Tuesday • 7 PM

Call Ray at
352-678-7024

GROUP DONATION ADDRESSES

Attention all group treasurers:
Please send donations to the following. It is very important to include your Group Number on all your donations. Please contact Howard with any questions.

District 13

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Hernando County Intergroup

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In the Lamson Woods Plaza
Spring Hill, FL 34608
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North Florida Area Assembly

NFAC
PO Box 8983
Jacksonville, FL 32239-8983

General Service Office

PO Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163
(please make checks payable to GSO)

District 13 Committee Chairpersons

Communication between the general population of AA members and District 13 Committee Chairpersons is very important. If you are not sure what their committee is all about, District 13 encourages you to call them. Speak with them about what their service committee has to offer for the still suffering alcoholic and you as a member of AA. One alcoholic working with another alcoholic is all good.

Accessibilities Committee

Steve G.

Cooperation With The Professional Community Committee/Public Information Committee

Claudia S.

Treatment Committee

Tom H.

Archives Committee

Mary T.

Corrections Committee

Steve Z.

Grapevine Committee

Arnie C.

Literature

Tammy B.

If you find mistakes in this newsletter, Please consider that they are there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone and some people are always looking for mistakes.

EASY DOES IT!

Does your group want to host a UNITY meeting?

It's so simple even a cavegroup could do it!!!

All you need is a group (or 2), a desire, a chairperson and greeters.

- 2 speakers (about 30 min each).

- 5 people to read the preamble, the steps, the traditions, more about alcoholism (first 4 paragraphs and the promises.

Your group can bring your chip system or we will use ours.

Your group needs to provide the desserts (and utensils, plates forks, napkins etc).

We will serve the drinks, coffee is free. Soda and water is available.

Set up and clean up help is usually provided by the host group but we always have help.

AND LETS NOT FORGET TO BRING THE FUN. WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT! Any questions please call 683-4597 to ask or get on the schedule.

SEPTEMBER Anniversaries



Group Anniversaries

(based on registration date with GSO)

Brooksville Thursday Welcome	34
Umbrella @ A Club	24
Algood	20
Sat.Night Beginners	15
Algood	
Steve R.	26
Henrietta B.	20
Aripeka Tuesday Open Speaker	
Christine A.	25
Ask It Basket	
Herb W. (July)	7
Friendship	
Gene G.	17
Jennifer T.	4
Heavy Hitters	
Iris E.	25
Leila D.	1
Chris W.	1
Hernando Beach	
Ed A.	28
Dennis E.	24
Marianne D.	13
Hope	
Pete C.	31
Robin Z.	14
Tom	6
Ladies Big Book	
Laura J.	24
Debbie B.	1
Let's Get Serious	
Marlene C.	4
Life Goes On	
Jack A.	36
Steve D.	15
Sean P.	3
Wayne B.	2
Living Sober (Thurs.PM)	
Jeff U.	24
Joyce W.	23
Dave	11

More Serenity Sisters

Christine A.	24
Marianne D.	13
Sherry A.	8
Teri S.	1

Promises

Caryl	31
Laura J.	24
Nina V.	23

Ridge Manor

Diane D.	36
Dave S.	2

Rough Road

Ed A.	28
Dennis E.	24
Christina	5

Serendipity

Laura J.	24
Deb B.	1
Tracey D.	1

Serenity Sisters

Joyce W.	23
Jill H.	22
Bev P.	16
Robbin R.	15
Christine B.	5

Tranquility

Tom A.	4
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Umbrella @ A-Club

Henrietta B.	20
Debbie N.	14
Tattoo Bill	12
Belinda T.	8

W.I.S.E. Women

Caryl	31
Jill H.	22

Women's Serenity (Sunday AM)

Caryl	31
Christine A.	24
Laura J.	24
Peggy G.	23
Sherri F.	11
Diana P.	8
Leila D.	1

Please provide anniversary information by the 15th of the month to Mary T. at ctyanks2@tampabay.rr.com

Sex Once again a message from your Public Information and Cooperation with Professionals Committee Chairperson

Got your attention in the first word, huh?! Don't view all these letters in the title and skip over this message! There are many in our fellowship who have benefitted by the work performed by this committee. Many of our members have been sent to AA by a person in the community who has been informed by these two committees.

Members of these committees provide information about A.A. to those who have contact with alcoholics through their profession. This group includes health care professionals, educators, and members of the clergy, lawyers, social workers, union leaders, and industrial managers, as well as those working in the field of alcoholism. Information is provided about where we are, what we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do.

A.A. is considered by many professionals to be a valuable resource for alcoholics who want help. When

there is a good working relationship between A.A. members in the community and paid alcoholism workers, the sick alcoholic is the winner—he or she gets the help needed from both.

We are not in competition with these non-A.A.s; we have our separate functions. A.A. is not in the business of education, research, medicine, counseling, treatment, prevention, or funding. We simply have a message to carry about a program of recovery for alcoholics—a program that works for hundreds of thousands who want it.

The professional can help the alcoholic who wants it—by education, counseling, and rehabilitative treatment—and can also be of aid through making the community aware of and care about the millions still suffering from the progressive illness of alcoholism.

If you would like a chance to get out of yourself, stay sober and do some services for our fellowship contact the PI/CPC Chairperson to get your service position today.

(Mostly from the A.A. Guideline "Cooperation with the Professional Community") and *Claudia S.*

G.S.O.'s Frequently Asked Questions

- Q.** What are the criteria for listing A.A. conferences, conventions and similar events in Box 4-5-9 and the A.A. Grapevine?
- A.** We generally try to list all A.A. events of two or more days in length, provided we are informed in time. There would not be enough room to list one-day events.
- Q.** Okay, then what is an A.A. event?

A. As far as we are concerned, any event which is run by A.A.s, about A.A., and for A.A.s is an A.A. event. Some are under the auspices of regions, areas or districts; others of central offices or intergroups or even groups; and still others of a committee of A.A. members. Al-Anons are included in some events. Many of the events are service connected, others are purely for A.A.

Box 4-5-9
Spring 2011

District Treasurer Report for Period Ending: August 26, 2011

Group	District	Corr.	YTD
AA Way of Life			
Algood Group			\$162.00/\$0.00
Anonymous			7.46/0.00
Aripeka Big Book			
Aripeka Open Speaker			
Ask It Basket			
Attitude Adjustment			
Audio Big Book			20.00/11.79
Back to Basics			
Brooksville Heavy Hitters			
Brooksville Women	\$50.00		40.00/0.00
Early Birds @ A Club			
Easy Does It Group			
Feeling Better Group			60.75/5.00
5:00 Promises Group			40.00/0.00
Friendship Group			
Fun & Frolic Group			25.00/0.00
Garden Grove Group			0.00/104.21
Happy Hour Group	22.00	50.00	53.90/80.60
Hernando Beach Group			50.00/0.00
Hope Group			200.00/0.00
Heavy Hitters	10.00		10.00/0.00
Ladies Big Book			
Let Go & Let God			
Let's Get Serious		11.17	33.00/0.00
Life Goes On			61.60/28.02
Living Sober (Thursday Night)			150.00/0.00
More Serenity Sisters	33.48		71.32/0.00
New Beginners			
Precisely II BB Study			
Ridge Manor BB			25.00/0.00
Rough Roads Group			140.00/54.01
Sat Morning 12th Step			
Sat. Night Beginners		10.00	75.00/8.00
Serendipity Sisters			
Serenity Sisters	50.00		51.00/0.00
Singleness of Purpose	30.00		30.00/0.00
Springhill Monday Night			30.00/0.00
Steps We Took Step Study			20.00/0.00
Sunset Group			
There is a solution			83.45/0.00
Thursday Nite Welcome Group			
Tranquility Group			70.00/0.00
Tuesday Nite Get A Life Group			
Tuesday Noon Group			
Umbrella Group	100.00		200.00/50.00
W.I.S.E. Women			
Woman's Serenity			33.00/0.00
Young Men's			60.00/0.00
Total	\$295.48	\$71.17	\$1772.48/\$341.63

Previous Month's Balance Restricted Funds	\$ 320.00
Previous Month's Balance Contributions	\$4281.76
Previous Month's Balance Corrections	\$ 174.33
Previous Month's Total Balance	\$4776.09
Income	
Group Contributions	\$ 295.48
Misc. \$0 Intergroup Communiqué	
Founder's Day (YTD \$328.16)	
Corrections Contributions (+Pink Can \$38.40)	\$ 109.57
Total Income	\$ 405.05
Expenses	
Events	
Postage	
Area Assembly (DCM Stipend) + (GSR Room)	\$ 233.43
Communiqué 1/2	\$ 135.00
Office Supplies/Copies	
Gas Expenses GSR's	
Treatment	
CPC/PI	
Grapevine	
Accessibilities	
Archive Storage	\$ 9.90
Rent	
Group Expenses	\$ 378.33
Corrections Literature	
Total Expenses	
Closing Balance Restricted Funds	\$ 320.00
Closing Balance Contributions	\$4188.91
Closing Balance Corrections	\$ 283.90
Closing Total Balance	\$4792.81

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The explanation that alcoholism was a disease of a two-fold nature, an allergy of the body and an obsession of the mind, cleared up a number of puzzling questions for me. The allergy we could do nothing about. Somehow our bodies had reached the point where we could no longer absorb alcohol in our systems. The WHY is not important; the FACT is that one drink will set up a reaction in our system that requires more; that one drink was two much and one hundred drinks were not enough."

Alcoholics Anonymous, page 355

All are invited to attend our Intergroup meetings on the first Friday of each month at 6:30 pm in Spring Hill. Forest Oaks Lutheran Church 8555 Forest Oaks Blvd.

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Please join us Monday, October 3, at 6:15 pm. for our District 13 business meeting. **All GSRs should attend.** Holy Cross Lutheran Springhill Drive and Airmont

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THEY HAVE PASSED Has another AA or a family member passed? To get the word out so friends in AA can offer condolences in this time of sorrow. Please email: theyhavepassed@gmail.com with the name of the deceased, the location and times for viewing and the funeral. We will get the word out to friends in AA. If you want to be part of the group who receives these announcements please send us your email address and we will add you to the list.

Minutes – District 13 Meeting – Date: 8/1/2011 (To be approved at next District Meeting)**OPENING:** Moment of Silence/Serenity Prayer/Preamble.**TRADITION OF THE MONTH: Mary T.** Tradition #8 “Made a list of all persons we had harmed & became willing to make amends to them all”.**INTRODUCTIONS: 23 Members were present:** Terri, Howard, Cindy, Steve, Lee, Jackie, Mary, Tom, Nick, Louise, Pam, Lori, Steve, Mike, Jim, Sheryl, Arnie, Mary T, Dana, Claudia, Lori, Don.**SECRETARY’S REPORT (Wendy S.):** Minutes reviewed & approved.**TREASURER’S REPORT (Howard M.):** Treasurer’s report in Communiqué. “Pink can” listed under corrections contributions.**Income**

Group Donations	\$ 295.48
Restricted Donations	\$ 000.00
Corrections Donations	\$ 109.57
Misc.	\$ 000.00
TOTAL:	\$ 405.05

Expenses: \$ 378.33**Closing Balance:**

Restricted	\$ 320.00
Group	\$4188.91
Corrections	\$ 283.90
TOTAL:	\$4792.81

ACCESSIBILITY (Steve G.): New Intergroup office building & bathroom are 100% handicap accessible.**ARCHIVES (Mary T.):** Group histories & Archives introduction video will be downloaded to DVD. No storage fee for Archives since August.**CORRECTIONS (Steve Z.):** New Sunday men’s meeting is going well. There’s an ad in Communiqué for volunteers. We are stretched thin for volunteers.**CPC/PI (Claudia S.):** Literature racks are being stocked.**GRAPEVINE (Arnie):** Call Arnie if you need a library at your group. At the present time we have 4 libraries active.**COMMUNIQUE (Jack R.):** No Report.**LITERATURE (Tammy):** No report.**TREATMENT (Tom H.):** Monday and Tuesday treatment meetings are covered. May start a Thursday meeting soon.**INTERGROUP (Tina):** New location – 4118 Lansen Ave. Our Founders day count was \$606 profit divided equally between Intergroup and District. Open house at new Intergroup is August 20th from 11 am till 3 pm. We are organizing a picnic. We are short \$20 of getting a fridge and we are looking for a bench so sodas can be offered along with coffee and a place for 12 step work. The Halloween party is set for October 29th and we are looking for a D.J. The Gratitude Dinner theme is ‘The Home Group is the Backbone’ Each group is asked to fill a basket to be raffled off at the Gratitude Dinner. Money contributions given to Intergroup for the Gratitude dinner will be used towards food and decorations.**ROOM COORDINATOR (Tammy):** We have 2 men’s room and 2 women’s rooms for October’s Assembly.**ALTERNATE CHAIR (Pam P.):** No Report.**CHAIR (Lori P.):** No Report.**OLD BUSINESS:** We will be co-hosting the October Assembly handling the registration desk. A sign up sheet was passed around. No sobriety requirement is needed. There is a minimum of 2 people at a time on the desk at a time. Friday 6 pm to 8 pm • Saturday 8 am to 6 pm • Sunday 8 am to 9 am. District 13 is hosting the September Unity meeting. Our North Area Delegate, Cecelia will be presenting her report. A volunteer sign up sheet was passed.**NEW BUSINESS:** There are monies allocated for 2 more workshops this year. New workshop ideas are Traditions; Sponsorship; Step 10 & 11. We will discuss more in September. The 2nd Annual Cyclist Classic being sponsored by a health food store has booth availability if we are interested to set up booth for literature. Pam will confirm dates of ride and will revisit in September at the district meeting.**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next District meeting is September 12, 2011 at 6:15 pm .
Next Assembly meeting is October 14th–16th in St. Augustine.
Unity meeting September 10, 2011 Delegates report at Nativity Lutheran Church.**CLOSED WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER**

INTERGROUP DONATIONS

Group Name	July, 2011	YTD 2011
A.A. Way of Life (Note 1)		\$40.00
Algood Group	\$100.00	269.00
Aripeka Big Book		100.00
Aripeka Open Speaker		
Ask It Basket		
Attitude Adjustment		
Audio Big Book		
Brooksville Group		125.00
Brooksville Heavy Hitters		
Brooksville Recovery Group		
Brooksville Women		10.00
Easy Does It		
Feeling Better Group		60.75
Friday Evening TGIF		
Friendship Group		75.00
Fun & Frolic Group		25.00
Garden Grove AA Way of Life	50.00	50.00
Garden Grove (Tues. Noon)		
HCIG	11.00	63.00
Happy Hour Group		82.00
Heavy Hitters Group		184.51
Hernando Beach Group	50.00	50.00
Hope Group		
Let Go and Let God		
Let's Get Serious		33.00
Life Goes On Group	13.70	30.80
Living Sober Group		150.00
Monday Night Meeting		
More Serenity Sisters		118.86
New Hope Beginners		
Precisely II BB Study		100.00
Promises Group	40.00	40.00
Ridge Manor BB	130.00	330.00
Rough Road Group	40.00	280.00
Saturday Morning 12th Step		
Saturday Night Beginners		
Serenity Sisters Group		85.00
Serendipity Sisters		30.00
Singleness of Purpose Group		
Spring Hill		25.00
Steps We Took Step Study		20.00
Sunset Group		
Thursday Night Welcome Group		
There is a Solution		17.00
Tranquility Group		70.00
Tuesday Ladies BB		
Tuesday Nite Get A Life Group		
Tuesday Noon Group		
Umbrella Group		200.00
W.I.S.E. Women Group		100.00
Women's Serenity Group		55.00
Young Men's Group		60.00
Intergroup Basket		
Total Contributions	\$434.70	\$2878.92

HERNANDO COUNTY INTERGROUP TREASURER REPORT INCOME & EXPENSES – July, 2011

INCOME

Donations (Regular)	\$ 434.70
Profit (Founder's Day)	
Unity Meeting	227.01
Sales	572.02
Refund Store Merch.	
TOTAL INCOME	\$1233.73

EXPENSES

Liability Insurance	\$ 0.00
Unity Meeting Rent	
Unity Meeting	19.36
Store Merchandise and Literature	
Where & Whens	180.00
Postage	17.60
Office Supplies	178.67
Mgr. Gas	40.00
Rent-Office	783.40
Repairs	
Telephone/Internet	254.02
Website	
Communique (1/2 printing)	67.50
FL Corp. Fee	
July Electric	30.43
Elec. Deposit	345.00
Dist. (Founder's Day)	25.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1940.98

Transfer from savings to checking	\$ 500.00
Transfer from checking to savings	\$ 00.00
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ (707.25)

Checking Account	\$1144.92
Prudent Reserve Account Balance	\$1000.00
(Not to exceed \$3000.00)	

I would like first to express my gratitude for all of the appreciation and positive comments I and the volunteers have been receiving on the new office. I was pleasantly surprised at a GREAT turnout at the open house, we had nice snacks, coffee, soda and best of all fellowship amongst friends. Our goal is to have a place for positive fellowship and serving Hernando's groups as well as we can, on that note if you have a literature request please ask a worker to write me a note and when ordering I will try to order your item as well.

We now have a refrigerator for cold soda and a bench outside to enjoy some of the upcoming cooler weather thanks to some kind donors as well we have gotten an anonymous donation of \$300 to help the electric deposit we had to get started. Thank you all for your generosity. I'm looking forward to seeing you all along the road.

Pauline G.
Intergroup Office Manager

Unity Meeting

Second Saturday of each month
7:30 pm to 9:00 pm
(Doors open at 6:30)

**Sponsored by your Hernando County Intergroup
Nativity Lutheran Church
6363 Commercial Way**

If your group is interested in hosting have your Intergroup Rep sign your group up at the monthly business meeting OR contact the Intergroup office at 352-683-4597.

Upcoming Unity Calendar

Date.....	Host Group
September.....	District 13
October.....	Rough Road Group
November.....	Gratitude Meeting (No Unity Meeting)