

COMMUNIQUE

April 2022

Tradition Four

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups, or A.A. as a whole.

Autonomous (Adjective)

1. Having the freedom to govern itself.
2. Acting in accordance with one's Moral duty rather than one's desires.

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Interested in sharing your story?

Contact Sue S. or submit it to:
Communique@aahernando.org



Service Workshop

In March we were fortunate to have the Delegate present a Pre-Conference Workshop. Attending beside the Delegate were the Alt-Delegate, Literature Chair, GSR's, Intergroup Reps, District DCM, Alt DCM and members wishing to learn more about how the changes in our material work within GSO, what will be voted on at the General Service Conference.

Ruth, our Delegate explained all the material into an easy to understand way, listening to her and the Alt Delegate for 2 hours was easy, and never boring. In the workshop we discussed how the voting happened, from the upside down triangle, the top to who is in charge the bottom, the groups!!! When a GSR receives any information at District meeting and/or Area Assembly it should go directly back to the group for voting. All decisions are made at the group level, these votes are taken back to the delegate for input and he/she votes from the input given. If a group is missing an important member: the GSR their voice isn't heard. Each group has the responsibility to have a GSR. The suggested requirement is 2 years sobriety, what if your group doesn't have anyone interested with over 2 years? Should you choose someone with less time? 2 years sobriety is only a suggestion, if your group has someone interested with less time, your group conscience can make that decision if that person will commit to 2 years as a GSR.

As we all know the impact from the Preamble changes was huge, some favorable some not, and some requesting additional information. Many cited our traditions both for and against and should read Gender neutral. As a result the Director of the Grapevine submitted this agenda item, asking "How do we, as a Fellowship, move forward in Love and Unity?" It is possible this Topic will be moved to the floor as an action to revise the Preamble yet again.

Some proposed changes to the language in the Big Book, for example, changing (From the Doctor's opinion) "Frothy emotional appeal seldom suffices," to read, "Begging these people to stop drinking never helps."

The General Service Conference Agenda Topic summaries and all the background material can be found online at Area website @www.aanothflorida.org, attend our next District meeting 1st Monday of the month, call /email our DCM for a copy of the summary. Remember your groups need a voice, have a GSR and use your voice in a way it can be heard. Next Assembly is April 8-10th @ Sheraton North, Orlando.

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Monthly Intergroup Meeting

First Friday Of Each Month
April 1st, 2022 @ 6:30 PM
Forest Oaks Lutheran Church
8555 Forest Oaks Blvd
Spring Hill FL

Zoom ID: 852 952 5883
Password: intergroup

Monthly District Meeting

First Monday Of The Month.
April 4th, 2022 @ 6:15PM
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
1214 Broad St.
Masaryktown FL

Zoom ID: 987 5790 9290
Password: district13

Group Donations**District 13 Treasurer**

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* December issue included an image suggesting tips for maintaining sobriety through the Holidays. Unfortunately, we failed to remove a portion of the image which mentioned a private recovery facility. Apologies



District 13 Committee Member's Corner Eleanor B.

Principles B4 Personalities. 8:00 am(Mon - Sat)
Coulton Hall
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Deltona Blvd, Spring Hill

If you like Baskin And Robbins with all their choices of ice cream, you will absolutely LOVE Principles B4 Personalities! They actually have a meeting 6 days per week. Monday through Saturday; each day is a different topic. From Discussion and Big Book meetings to Daily Reflection and Speaker meetings. Wow! What an amazing way to start your day with an inspiring AA meeting to set the tone! This is a medium size meeting with warm and wonderful members. Always welcoming and friendly, I was asked to share my story on a Friday morning last month. I felt so comfortable and accepted. If you want to get your day started with a smile, be sure to visit Principles B4 Personalities!

In Service
Eleanor B
DCM District 13

The History Corner

Pioneers of A.A

CLARENCE SNYDER THE "HOME BREWMEISTER".

Clarence had his last drink on February 11, 1938, according to the article he wrote for the A.A. Grapevine November 1968 issue. Fifteen months later he organized the first Cleveland group.

Clarence was born on December 26, 1902, in Cleveland, Ohio, the youngest of three brothers. He dropped out of high school at fourteen, after his father's death, and went to work. He later took many night courses studying economics, business, credits, and collections. This prepared him for later employment at the City National Bank in Cleveland, from which he was fired for alcoholism at the age of thirty-two. It was not the only job from which he had been fired. After holding good positions, making better than average income for over ten years, he was bankrupt in every way. He was in debt, he had no clothes to speak of, no money, no friends, and no one any longer tolerated him except his wife, not even his son or the saloonkeepers. He was unemployable. He said in a talk he gave in 1965 that he couldn't even get a job with the WPA. His wife, Dorothy, who worked for an employment agency, couldn't even get him a job.

Then Dorothy heard of a doctor in Akron who had been successful in treating alcoholics. She offered him the alternative of going to see Dr. Bob or her leaving for good. He agreed and that was the turning point in his life. He entered the hospital (after first going on a three-day drunk). While in the hospital a plan for living was explained to him, a simple plan that he found great joy and happiness in following. He became an enthusiastic 12th stepper, literally dragging prospects for A.A. off bar stools.

Clarence started the first A.A. group in Cleveland in 1939, in part because some Roman Catholic priests in Cleveland were refusing to let Catholics attend the Oxford Group meeting in Akron.

This was the first group to use the name Alcoholics Anonymous. Nell Wing, Bill W.'s long-time secretary, said that Bill had been using the name since 1938 in letters and a pamphlet, but on this slender basis, Clarence forever claimed to have founded A.A.

Dorothy also was very active and did much to help A.A. in Cleveland. They were divorced before Clarence was drafted into the Army in 1942. Dorothy and their son moved to California.

Unfortunately, Clarence had an abrasive personality, and as one of his friends said, you either loved him or hated him. According to Nell Wing, had he not been so abrasive he probably would have been considered a co-founder of A.A.

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Hernando County Intergroup

PICNIC

SATURDAY APRIL 30th
12:00 - 4:00 PM Rain or Shine!

Meat provided,
please bring a
covered dish or
dessert to
share.

12:30 - 3:30
Hi Caliber D.J.
and Karaoke with
Richie Hodge
From Tampa



Tom Varn Park
301 Darby Lane
Brooksville

For more
information call
Donna M
352-238-9697

Kids welcome, but please leave your fur babies at home.

AAGRAPEVINE

Each Issue of Grapevine typically offers between 18 and 20 stories written by members of AA and, on occasion, by one of AA's dedicated friends. The stories are direct and personal, and as varied as the fellowship itself. Grapevine writers come from all walks of life and every generation and geographical area. Each month they offer an ongoing picture of our beloved fellowship. In addition to the monthly publication available in English and **Spanish**, there are also **Podcasts** and a **Youtube channel**.

For more information, contact our local **Grapevine Rep Jennean G** grapevine@aahernando.org

Founder's Day 2022

Save the date!

Saturday June 18th

Volunteers Needed.

Contact Debbie Q for more info:
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UNITY MEETING

Saturday April 9th, 2022

Doors open at 6:30

Meeting @ 7:00

Hosted by:

Sunday Morning Women Serenity Group

Nativity Lutheran Church

6363 Commercial Way

Weeki Wachee, FL

May's Host will be: Together We Stand

HEAART is still looking to have at least one representative for each Group to serve as a contact and help in relaying information during times of crisis or emergency.

Meeting Information - If your Group or Meeting makes changes (time/location, etc) please notify John K – webmaster@aahernando.org with the information. John will make the necessary changes on the online meeting list, meeting apps, "Where & When" and HEAART. - Thanks!

Service Opportunities

- * Alternate Intergroup Chair
- * District 13 Archives
- * District 13 Literature

Anniversary information can now be submitted from our website. Look for the link "Anniversary Submissions" at the top of our homepage, www.aahernando.org

Let us know if you would like to share an announcement or future event for your group or meeting. Email us at:

Communique@aahernando.org

History Corner continued:

When Clarence left Cleveland for military service a farewell party was held for him and he was presented with a wristwatch as a gift from all the West Side groups who acclaimed him for his pioneer work in Cleveland and particularly on the West Side. In a letter from basic training, Private Clarence S. said the going was rough, and he wished he were fifteen or twenty years younger. He supplied his address at Fort Knox, Kentucky, for anyone who wished to write him, and said he missed the association of the groups and was looking for other A.A. members in Kentucky.

He became very hostile toward Bill W. He opposed the traditions and continued to use his full name in public. He led a small group to oppose the Conference and the General Service Office.

After the war he married his second wife, Selma, who worked at the Deaconess Hospital, where her father was the director. Clarence often took alcoholics there to sober them up. Clarence and Selma moved to St. Petersburg, Florida. Eventually they divorced.

Clarence then married his third wife, Grace (also an A.A. member), and joined her as a member of the Assembly of God Church in Winter Park. They did much A.A. work together and conducted many religious retreats. Unlike Bill W., he always used his full name in public, and was honored with several prestigious awards for public service during his life, which he did not hesitate to accept.

He remained very active in A.A., and his A.A. work became increasingly Christian fundamentalist in nature. He and Grace lived at 142 S. Lake Triplet Drive in Casselberry, Florida, until his death on March 22, 1984. He was buried in Cameron Cemetery in Cameron, North Carolina, in Grace's family plot.

FROM A.A. CLEVELAND

TRIVIA

- 1) When and where was the circle and triangle symbol adopted as an official A.A. symbol?
- 2) The triangle represents the three legacies, recovery, unity and service, what does the circle symbolize?

The 12 Traditions Illustrated

Based on a series that first appeared in Grapevine in the 1960s, this classic pamphlet retains its retro, light-hearted illustrations as well as its clear and plainly spoken language. Taken together, the text and images convey both the spirit and the practical application of our Traditions.

The Fourth Tradition

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

There are all kinds of groups...
Little groups...



and big groups...



and off-beat groups...



But wherever two or more alcoholics are gathered together to practice A.A. principles, it is an A.A. group if they say it is.



And you are a member if you say you are!



Trivia Answers:

- 1) The International Convention in St Louis in 1955
- 2) The Circle symbolizes the world of A.A.

Intergroup Treasury Report (Approved)

Ytd Jan, Feb, Mar	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total 3 mon	Ytd Jan, Feb, Mar	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total 3 mon
A Desire	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	P. B. P.	\$125.70	\$65.10	\$0.00	\$190.80
Allgood Grp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Precisely II	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Aripeka Big book	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	Ridge Manor Group	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AA Way of Life	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Rough Road Group	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Audio Big Book	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Serenity Sisters	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bring Your own Big Book	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Singleness of Purpose	\$114.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$114.00
District printing	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	Spring Hill Monday Night	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
District archives	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	Step In the right direction	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Founders Day	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Sunset Group	\$0.00	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$360.00
Founders day seed return	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	The Steps we took	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fun And Frolic	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	There is a Solution	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Heavy Hitters	\$276.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$276.00	Together We Stand	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hernando Beach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Tranquility Group	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hope Group	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	Thursday Night Welcome	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lets Get Serious	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Tuesday Night B.B	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Let Go and Let God	\$106.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$106.00	Unity	\$284.50	\$468.52	\$0.00	\$753.02
Life goes on	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	Umbrella Group	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Living Sober	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	Wise Women	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
More Serenly Sisters	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Womens Serenity Group	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45.00
Monday Night Meeting rental	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	r	=====	=====	=====	=====
						\$1,466.20	\$1,613.62	\$0.00	\$3,079.82

<u>Expenses</u>	
Rent	\$ (600.00)
Electric	\$ (62.75)
PAYPAL NO CLUE	(\$358.20)
Spectrum	\$ (167.96)
Office Supplies	\$ (186.80)
Communique Jan, Feb	(\$375.00)
Total Expenses	\$ (1,750.71)
Profit Loss January 2022	\$ 487.64

<u>Hernando County Intergroup</u>		Checking	Savings
02/28 2022 FEB			
Beginning Balance		\$ 4,463.82	\$ 3,062.83
Deposits		\$ 2,167.98	
		\$ -	
Checks		\$ (1,175.00)	
Withdrawals/Debits		\$ (765.71)	
Interest			\$ -
Ending Balance		\$ 4,691.09	\$ 3,062.85
Income			
Group Contributions		\$ 1,613.62	
Office Sales		\$ 586.60	
Sales tax		\$ 38.13	
		\$0.00	
<u>Unity</u>		In Donations	
Archives rent		In Donations	
District Copies		In Donations	

Total Income		\$ 2,238.35	

February 2022
Beginning balance 3771.00

<u>Income</u>	
Corrections Contributions	+131.63
Group Contributions	+695.00
Communique	+375.00
Total Income	+1,201.63

<u>Expenses</u>	
Archives Rent	-50.00
Communique	-375.00
Reimbursable Exp	-59.73
Total Expenses	-499.72

Net Income +701.91

Ending Balance 4473.61

District 13 Treasury Report (Approved)

Corrections Donations 2022

Beginning Balance 2,164.04

(Jan – Dec 2022)

Hope Group	22.00
Intergroup	17.00
Ridge Manor Big Book Group	38.63
Rough Roads Group	54.00

Total Donations 131.63

Ending Balance 2,295.67

February 2022 Group Donations

Anonymous	196.00
Fun & Frolic	20.00
Hope Group	200.00
Principles B4 Personalities	40.00
Singleness of Purpose	114.00
WISE Women Group	50.00
Women's Serenity Group	75.00

Total Group Donations 695.00

Step Four

Step 4 is infamously the “scary” one, probably because it’s a crucial step towards effective and lasting recovery. Since the overall philosophy of Alcoholics Anonymous is that alcoholism is just a symptom of a spiritual disease, the real problem is in character flaws that need to be faced and when possible, overcome. This requires a searching, bare it all revelation-inducing inventory that will become the blueprint of your success.

The benefits of completing Step Four are strengthened sobriety, spiritual growth and movement towards mending your relationships to your HP, yourself and other human beings. What’s the biggest requirement for this action step? Be honest! You and the people around you will benefit from this crucial step. In case you didn’t know, keeping secrets is threatening to our recovery, and we have all had secrets that nearly killed us. Our secrets, in and out of sobriety, keep us sick.

Almost everyone comes into recovery having trouble separating fact from fiction in our own lives. The reality is that the “drunk-a-logues” and war stories that accumulated over the years of using are so embroidered into the fabric whom we think we are. However, while working on our step inventories we get a new perspective on the bigger picture, on patterns, selfishness, our responsibility in situations and in this process we are building up an accurate self appraisal with true self worth as a reward.

At this point it has probably become pretty clear to you that recovery is a process of steady personal growth and enlightenment that feels so good, you probably wish everyone you knew were doing it! The inventory you will do in Step Four will help you to identify negative thoughts, emotions, and actions that have ruled your life. In the past you probably justified bad behavior and blamed other people, places, or things for the problems you had created. Now you will begin to take responsibility for all your past and current actions. This may mean even acknowledging painful, embarrassing, or difficult events, thoughts, emotions, or actions. But that is cool, it’s all good, because your thoughts, feelings, and beliefs are actually the roots of your addictive behavior.

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Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

A member who does any amount of traveling finds the A.A. spirit much the same everywhere. But apart from this inward kinship, there are vast differences among groups. Here, the traveler finds three members discussing the Steps in somebody’s living room; there, 300 listening to speakers in a church auditorium. In one part of the U.S., respectful silence greets the speaker who begins, My name is Ann, and I am an alcoholic. In another, everybody happily shouts “Hi Ann” and in many other places, she may introduce herself with her full name at a one-hour meeting or 90-minute. In every neighborhood in every part of the world reached by A.A., the local group is free to work out its own customs.

As always, freedom brings responsibility. Because each group is autonomous, it’s up to each group to avoid any action that might harm A.A. And there have been such actions or this tradition would be unnecessary. Implicit throughout A.A. Traditions, Bill W. wrote, as is the confession that our Fellowship has its sins. We admit that we have character defects as a society and these defects threaten us continually.

Blown up to multiple size, the Big Ego may inspire one group to take over all public information work for its area, without consulting any of the other local groups. Once the group has decided we have all the answers, the lids off. The group may then decide that, the Eleventh Tradition is an outdated technicality. This is a completive age! We are going to come right out and give A.A. some good, vigorous promoting to the general public, this one conspicuous group is A.A. Its antics reflect, not only on the ignored neighboring groups, but on the entire Fellowship.

In a way, the Fourth tradition is like the Fourth Step: It suggests that the A.A. group should take an honest inventory of itself, asking about each of its independently planned actions, “Would this break any Tradition?” Like the individual member who chooses to make the Steps his or her guide toward happy sobriety, the wise group recognizes that the Traditions are not hindering technicalities “they are proven guides toward the chief objective of all A.A. groups.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Groups:

Let Go & Let God – 25 years
Young Mens Group – 23 years

Members:

A Desire

Ryan H – 2 years

All Good

Bob H – 33 years
Dorsey P – 16 years

Aripeka

Nan – 34 years
Neil – 16 years
Ralph M – 50 years

Brooksville Group

None Reported

Fun and Frolic

None Reported

Happy Hour

Carla A – 3 years
Sam R – 4 years

Heavy Hitters

Sue S – 38 years
Constance Z – 13 years
Cliff R – 38 years
Mike E – 29 years
Tiffany C – 3 years

Hernando Beach

Stephanie – 36 years

Hope Group

Fernando M – 6 years
Jackie K – 42 years

Ladies Big Book

Kathy K – 32 years
Linda M – 6 years
Tracy B – 12 years

Let Go Let God

Gindee – 25 years

Lets Get Serious

None Reported

Life Goes On

Chenelle W – 9 years
Chris L – 2 years
Mike B – 15 years

More Serenity Sisters

None Reported

Principles B4 Personalities

Louis S – 34 years
Michelle P – 2 years
Michelle D – 2 years
Shellee L – 2 years
Ed F – 32 years
Kim B – 1 year
Violet F – 3 years

Promises

Patty B – 35 years

Ridge Manor Big Book Group

Krystee V – 15 years
Paul B – 23 years

Rough Roads

Al S – 48 years
Jim B – 12 years
Jim H – 33 years
Jon G – 10 years
Melanie D – 9 years

Spring Hill Monday Nite

Richie N – 35 years
Roger L – 36 years
Bruce B – 32 years

Serendipity Sisters

Linda M – 6 years

Serenity Sisters

Candy M – 21 years
Carrie P – 2 years
Joan G – 50 years
Linda C – 50 years
Maureen B – 41 years

Singleness of Purpose

None Reported

Step in the right direction

Doreen L – 40 years
Jack L – 8 years

StepSisters

Lori D – 3 years

Steps We Took

Bob H – 33 years
Jack L – 8 years

Sunset Group

None Reported

There is a Solution

Dawn S – 5 years

Thursday Night Step

None Reported

Tranquility Group

Louis S – 34 years

Women's Serenity Group

Jo-Dee – 6 years
Kathy K – 33 years

Young at heart

None Reported

Young Mens

Bob E – 33 years

Congratulations to all of those celebrating! Have you ever considered sharing your story? Let us know. We are always looking for stories to feature and we will come to you.

Send us Anniversary information for your group at www.aahernando.org Look for the "Submit Anniversaries" link at the top of the home page. There is full member list for anniversaries we currently have. You only need to provide any updates or changes necessary for your Group. Thank You!