Indian River Central Office of A.A.

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#### **ABOUT A.A. MEETING GUIDE**

Meeting Guide syncs with area, district, intergroup/central offices and international general service office websites, relaying meeting information from more than 400 A.A. service entities directly to the app. Over 100,000 weekly meetings are currently listed, and the information is refreshed twice daily.



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And a BIG Thank You to Stephanie for working hard to get Indian River AA Meetings included in the App.

#### Meeting Guide features

- Listing of both in-person and online meetings
- A default view that provides a list of meetings showing time, location and meeting name
- A meeting detail view that offers extra information such as meeting format and any notes provided by the group
- A search function to find meetings by location or keyword
- A daily quote feature lets users read from "Daily Reflections"
- Multiple access points that make finding local A.A. contact information easy
- A news feature with the latest from the General Service Office and Grapevine
- The A.A. Meeting guide, free of charge, is available for both Android and IOS (Apple) devices.

INDIAN RIVER CENTRAL OFFICE MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING 2nd Monday of each month 0– 7:00 PM Newport Club 2535 16th Avenue Vero Beach, FL 32960



### <u>Step 11</u>

"Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God <u>as</u> <u>we understood Him</u>

praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out."

#### Tradition 11:

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

### Concept 11:

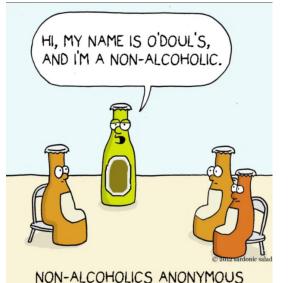
"Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship. "

## AA Old Preamble – 1940

We are gathered here because we are faced with the fact that we are powerless over alcohol and unable to do anything about it without the help of a Power greater than ourselves.

We feel that each person's religious views, if any, are his own affair. The simple purpose of the program of Alcoholics Anonymous is to show what may be done to enlist the aid of a Power greater than ourselves regardless of what our individual conception of that Power may be.

# We Are Not A Glum Lot



Something you won't hear from your sponsor: Take my advice, i'm not using it!

If H.P. is watching us, the least we can do is be entertaining

What did the Alcoholic say before surrendering? I don't suffer from insanity. I enjoy every minute of it.

What did the sponsor say to the newcomer? If I agreed with you we'd both be wrong.

## **District 6 Happenings**

## LITERATURE COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month at 8:30 on Zoom Meeting ID: 991-593-8471 Passcode: 615

## Gratitude Month: What Is It and Why Do We Have It

Historically "Gratitude Month" dates back to the 1940s, when first the Alcoholic Foundation and later the General Service Board would host a Gratitude luncheon, which over the years has become a dinner and has grown considerably in participation.

Many Areas and/or Intergroups/Central Offices throughout the Conference would host these Dinners in gratitude for Sobriety and the gifts brought them through practicing the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Over time these Gratitude Dinners during the month of November have become "Self-Support Functions" to ensure that A.A. services at the Area, District and local level maintain sufficient funds to finance such services.

Self-Support starts with the Seventh Tradition at group level; Since the Intergroups and Central Offices are created by these groups, they depend very heavily on the generosity of the groups to continue the services as required and or requested or mandated by the groups. So, in the spirit of self-support rather then relying on outside Fund Raisers, starting with the original Gratitude luncheons in the 1940s "Self-Support Functions" have become a standard practice at all levels of service.

Another method of practicing "Self Support" is the Birthday Contribution practiced both by A.A. World Services as well as most local Intergroups and Central Offices, where celebrants contribute a set amount for each year of their sobriety.

Locally District 6 hosts four annual Self-Support functions—The Annual Gratitude Dinner held during November in Indian River County; a Spaghetti Dinner in Martin County usually February or early March; a Founders Day Luncheon in St. Lucie County on or near June 10th of each year; and a Fish Fry in Okeechobee County during August or September. The Indian River Central Office hosts an annual Self -Support function through the Birthday Dinner usually in the month of March

The Contributions and Self-Support A.A.'s Seventh Tradition principles state: **"Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."** This means that only A.A. members contribute financially to A.A. – and even A.A. members are limited in the amount they can contribute.



PLEASE EMAIL BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS TO "<u>AAIRHOW@YAHOO.COM</u>" NO LATER THEN THE LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

SEBASTIAN 5:32 Grp	VERO BEACH MEN's	EARLY RISERS	<b>1MEAT &amp; POTATOES</b>
From October	Bill B. 23 yrs	From Ocotober	Lise B. 41 yrs
Carl T 18 yrs	Walt 5 yrs	Lowel P. 36 yrs	FREE & EASY
November	Kevin M. 5 yrs	Tony S. 12 yrs	Kathy J. 8 yrs
Dave G, 34 yrs	Sal 5 yrs	Linda 4 yrs	
Dottie K. 15 yrs	Ryan E. 4 yrs	Austin 3 yrs	SEBASTIAN NEW DAY
I AM RESPONSIBLE	Keith B. 4 yrs	Dee W. 1 yr	Dave G. 34 yrs
John H. 50 yrs	Stephen A. 3 yrs	November	Lynn C. 32 yrs
Craig S. 17 yrs	Josiah D. 3 yrs	Sherri 5 yrs	Sheila B. 30 yrs
Tod T, 11 yrs	Bruce 1 ir	Matt D. 3 yrs	Ellie R. 21 yrs
Kathryn K. 1 yr	Carmine M, 1 yr	Joiy C. 3 yrs	Gus P. 9 yrs
Zack F. 1 yr	VERO BEACH 12&12	Terri 1 yr	Kathy J. 8 yrs
	Bob S. 33 yrs	IND RIVER THURS GRP	Craig C. 7 yrs
<u>ODAAT</u>	DOD 3, 35 yrs	Samantha A. 13 yrs	Carol P. 6 yrs
Kay H. 40 yrs	BAREFOOT BAY		Carol B. 5 yrs
David K. 33 yrs	Marshall 36 yrs	Bethani R, 2 yrs	Jamison G. 2 yrs
Jesse K. 15 yrs	Sean 8 yrs	THE LUNCH BUNCH	Dean K. <i>,</i> 1 yr
Sherry D. 5 yrs	ROSELAND SEB. SPEAKER	John M. 40 yrs	Mike L. 1 yr
Grace Anne R. 1 yr	John M. 49 yrs	Joy R. 40 yrs	
Robert B. 1 yr	Pete H. 35 yrs	Glen G. 34 yrs	aute Sille
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Chelsea M. 10 yrs	,	SEBASTIAN 5:32	S C
Debbie C. 1yr		David G. 34 yrs	TROUBLE
Sandra D. 1 yr		David G. 54 yrs Dottie 15 yrs	
Sanara D. 1 yi			
AN	OPEN CALL FOR <i>YOUR</i> CO	ONTRIBUTION TO THE H.C	).W.

If you're artistic maybe a funny A.A. cartoon; or something you have heard at an meeting you'd like to share; write a short A.A. Story; a funny (but clean) joke; What is your favorite A.A. Step or A.A. Tradition and why. Be creative, be a part of - Make this <u>OUR</u> Magazine. aairhow@yahoo.com

## Dr. Bob, one of our co-founders passed away November 16, 1950 In his memory below is his last message to A.A. presented at the first International AA Convention held in Cleveland OH in July 1950.

"My good friends in A.A. and of A.A., I feel I would be very remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to welcome you here to Cleveland, not only to this meeting but those that have already transpired. I hope very much that the presence of so many people and the words that you have heard will prove an inspiration to you -- not only to you, but may you be able to impart that inspiration to the boys and girls back home who were not fortunate enough to be able to come. In other words, we hope that your visit here has been both enjoyable and profitable.

"I get a big thrill out of looking over a vast sea of faces like this with a feeling that possibly some small thing I did a number of years ago played an infinitely small part in making this meeting possible. I also get quite a thrill when I think that we all had the same problem. We all did the same things. We all get the same results in proportion to our zeal and enthusiasm and stick-to-itiveness.

"If you will pardon the injection of a personal note at this time, let me say that I have been in bed five of the last seven months, and my strength hasn't returned as I would like, so my remarks of necessity will be very brief

"There are two or three things that flashed into my mind on which it would be fitting to lay a little emphasis. One is the simplicity of our program. Let's not louse it all up with Freudian complexes and things that are interesting to the scientific mind but have very little to do with our actual A.A. work. Our Twelve Steps, when immersed down to the last, resolve themselves into the words 'love' and 'service.' We understand what love is, and we understand what service is. So let's bear those two things in mind.

"Let us also remember to guard that erring member the tongue, and if we must use it, let's use it with kindness and consideration and tolerance.

"And one more thing: None of us would be here today if somebody hadn't taken time to explain things to us, to give us a little pat on the back, to take us to a meeting or two, to do numerous little kind and thoughtful acts in our behalf So let us never get such a degree of smug complacency that we're not willing to extend, or attempt to extend, to our less fortunate brothers that help which has been so beneficial to us. Thank you very much."

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## **Mission Statement**

The purpose of the Indian River Central Office (hereafter "IRCO") is to provide AA services within Indian River County, with the primary goal being to carry the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers. It is the mission of the IRCO to keep groups informed about AA activities by newsletter and by maintain a website, answer inquiries for help, provide AA meeting information, maintain an available supply of Conference Approved books and literature, and to provide guidance and support to the IRCO standing committees.

The IRCO shall function within the meaning and intent of the Twelve Traditions and the Guidelines for Intergroup and Central Offices and other guidelines as set forth by the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The IRCO is entirely accountable to the groups it serves and is entirely supported by the voluntary contributions of AA groups within Indian River County.

## Where to Send Contributions for 2022

Indian River Central Office 1600 26th Street, Suite 6 Vero Beach, FL 32960

District 6			
P.O. Box 12248			
Ft. Pierce, FL 34979			

South Florida Area 15 P.O. Box 311 Safe Harbor, FL 34695 General Service Office P.O. Box 2407 James A. Farley Station New York, NY 10116-2407

#### AR 12-Step Volunteer Application

Name

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Area You would be willing to participate

North County Y\_\_\_N South County\_\_\_Y\_\_N

Availability\_\_\_\_\_Mon—Fri \_\_\_\_Weekends \_\_\_\_Days\_\_\_\_Evenings

I am willing to: (Please circle all that apply)

- It is suggested that a person NOT go on a twelfth step call alone to help an alcoholic who is still suffering.
- <u>Also</u> you should NOT drive a wet drunk to a treatment facility (detox) without having another A.A. member with you.
- If you circled either of these items, please be sure that you have another member of A.A. that is willing to go along with you.
- Talk to someone over the phone
- Talk to someone at their home
- Meet someone at a meeting
- Take someone to detox
- Give rides to AA meeting

<u>Please return this form to Central Office or mail it to:</u> Indian River Central Office of AA. 1600 26th Street, Suite 6 Vero Beach, FL 32960

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<u>T</u>	ber of years of sobriety) A.A. Birthday is my way of saying HANK YOU or serving the A.A. community of Indian River County.
	Group Name (optional
	er you want your contribution credited to:
	your group or check here if Anonymously
Drop off <u>Indian R</u>	ble to <b>Indian River Central Office of A.A.</b> Tat Central Office or mail to <b>Eiver Central Office of A.A</b> t, Suite 6 - Vero Beach, FL 43960
This program will allow anyone willi themselves available. Groups may acces	R EXCHANGE PROGRAM
NAME:	
	HOME GROUP (optional) :
	Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat
Check available area(s): North County	
Check available time of day: Mornings	
This form can either be dr Indian Ri 160	ropped off at the Central Office or mailed to: <b>iver Central Office of A.A.</b> 00 26 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 6 ero Beach, FL 43070

## INDIAN RIVER COUNTY VIRTUAL MEETINGS 11/14/2022

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DAYS	TIME	GROUP	TYPE of MTG	VIRTUAL ID	PASSWORD
MON	Noon	O.D.A.A.T.	12&12	998 7512 9964	63228
	5:00 PM	Sober Connections	929-205-6099	325 820 3587	762375
	5:30 PM	South Vero	As Bill Sees It	919 2868 4512	132567
	6:00 PM	The 3 Leg Group	AA Comes of Age	452 100 1634	31236
TUF	Noon	O.D.A.A.T.	Open Discussion	998 7512 9964	63228
	5:30 PM	South Vero	Living Sober	919 2868 4512	132567
	7:00 PM	Vero Beach 12&12	Steps / Traditions	1 (707) 802-5380	456880#
WED	Noon	O.D.A.A.T.	Big Boiok	998 7512 9964	63228
	5:00 PM	Sober Connections	929-205-6099	325 820 3587	762375
	5:30 PM	South Vero	Big Book	919 2868 4512	132567
	6:00 PM	The 3 Leg Group	Pass It On	452 100 1634	31236
THU	Noon	O.D.A.A.T.	Chairman Choice	998 7512 9964	63228
	5:30 PM	South Vero	Speakers	919 2868 4512	132567
	7:00 PM	Vero Beach 12&12	12&12	1 (707) 802-5380	456880#
	7:00 PM	Lakewood Park	Open Beginners	483 506 0908	2020
	7:30 PM	Sober Rainbow	(LGBTQ)Discussion	879 1279 781	WickedSob
FRI	5:00 PM	Sober Connections	929-205-6099	325 820 3587	762375
	5:30 PM	South Vero -	Reflections	919 2868 4512	132567
	7:00 PM	Lakewood Park	Speaker/Discussion	298 703 197	2030
SAT	7:30 AM	South Vero	Open Discussion	924 7373 2754	132567
	5:30 PM	South Vero -	Open Discussion	919 2868 4512	132567
SUM	5:00 PM	Sober Connections	929-205-6099	325 820 3587	762375
	5:30 PM	South Vero	12&12	919 2868 4512	132567

FOr VIRTUAL (ZOOM) A.A. MEETINGS, LOG INTO

https://aa-intergroup.org