Indian River Central Office of A.A.

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Bill W. said, "I was an agnostic, an atheist on top of it." Feb 10, 1948, recorded talk

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Bill W. said, "I became acutely conscious of a Presence.... 'This,' I thought, 'must be the great reality. The God of the preachers'." [Pass It On, p. 121]

Bill W. wrote, "God either is, or He isn't." [Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th ed., p. 53]

A.A. said, "He always said that after that experience, he never again doubted the existence of God. He never took another drink." [Pass It On., p. 121]

Bill W. wrote, "When many hundreds of people are able to say that the consciousness of the Presence of God is today the most important fact of their lives, they present a powerful reason why one should have faith." [Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th ed., p. 51]

Bill W. said, "Dr. Bob, when it came to spiritual matters, was far better instructed than I. And Anne perhaps better than either of us." [recorded tapes of Bill at Founders Day, 1959]

Bill W. said, "So all during the summer of 1935, I lived with the Smiths. An experience I shall never, never forget. You see it must be remembered that I was almost without any religious instruction. A few things picked up from the Oxford Group, odd pieces of reading. I had quit the Congregational Sunday School when 10, because I was asked to sign a temperance pledge! So that was the extent of my spiritual training and theological knowledge at the moment.

From AA's Bill W. and Some Quotable A.A. History Remarks Dick B., copyright 2005

#### <u>STEP 7:</u>

Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings **TRADITION 7:** 

The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each groupshould soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

#### CONCEPT 6:,

The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness.

# we are not a glum lot

Big Book page 132

	Big book page 152		
If you knew me in my drinking days I am sorry. Please allow me to re~introduc myself.	alcoholic. AAA: This is AAA, not AA. Me: Yeah, I was just explaining how my car got in the lake. 	JUST CAUSE YOU GOT THE MONKEY OFF YOUR BACK DOESN'T MEAN THE CIRCUS HAS LEFT TOWN George Carlin	
Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That is why it is called the pre- sent. <i>Eleanor Roosevelt</i>	It must never be forgotten that the purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous is to sober up alcoholics. There is no religious or spiritual requirement for membership No demands are made on anyone. An experience is offered which members may accept or reject. That is up to them. — Bill W. —	they only function	
"If you like everyone in AA, you're not going to enough meetings!" "I've never done anything in moderation — except maybe these steps." "You are not responsible for your disease, but you are responsible for your behavior." "Sponsoring yourself is like using unskilled labor."			
"An alcoholic without a sponsor is like leaving Dracula in charge of the blood bank."			
INDIAN RIVER CENTRAL OFFICE MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING 2nd Monday of each month – 7:00 PM Newport Club—2536 16th Avenue Main Room Vero Beach, FL 32960			

#### STOP IN AND SEE WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

Each month the Archive's Committee strives to spotlight a group's history, alternating between North County and South County. The information is taken from our Indian River Central Office Archives augmented by current information obtained from the group. Any errors, please contact the Archives Committee

## O.D.A.A.T.

The "One Day At A Time group" (O.D.A.A.T.) was founded on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1986. The first meeting was at a single family home on 45th Ave owned by AA member Frank G.). The first meeting at the Free Will Baptist Church, now Ryanwood Baptist Church, was held on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 1987. It was an offshoot of the "Happy Hour group" that met at noon on Monday through Friday at the single family residence it was then relocated to the Ryanwood Baptist Church at 2196 54th Ave.

Initially, the meetings were held in both places on Monday through Friday at the church and on Saturday and Sunday at the 45th Ave. residence. It didn't last. Meetings have since been held at the church fellowship hall at 2196 54th Ave. at noon on Monday through Friday, a woman's meeting was added on Thursday mornings at 10:30 AM .

A Sunday outdoor noon meeting is now under the ODAAT umbrella beginning August 2021 at Youngs park along the river. (this meeting started as a Sunday noon meeting started during August 2009 by 3 ODAAT members. That meeting was held at the So, Vero Grp meeting hall until Covid in 2020)

Founding members were bill Q, Dottie G, Barry M, and Pat J. Early members were Kathy S, Duncan Mc, Edde and Ken L, Top C, Mary A, Jeane S, Bob R, Carl V, Joannie H, Mike S, Leo G, John L, Jack J and Eddie Mc,

Business meetings are held monthly on the third Friday at 11:15 AM. Group offices are rotated each year or every other year for some offices there have been some members that have served in various district, area, and local AA leadership positions. This includes Don Mc, Pat D, Karen M, Mary McP, Dutch V, and Bob H,

When COVID struck in 2020, the group conscious was to keep meeting but with all health recommendations followed. The church supported the group's recommendation. At the same time an outside meeting was started meeting on the basketball court, members coming inside during the hot days of summer, the outside meeting has been a normal function of the group . A virtual (zoom platform) meeting was added to the schedule starting April 1, 2020 Monday through Sunday at noon. The virtual meetings were well attended, attracting alcoholics from around the globe, Alaska, So. Africa, Spain, Great Britain, Ireland and most notable our Canadian friends from the Toronto region. Only the Tuesday virtual meeting remains.

CONTRIBUTION ADDRESSES 2023-2024			
Indian River Central	District 6 Treasurer	Area 15 Treasurer	General Service Board
Office Treasurer	P.O. Box 12248	P.O. Box 590835	P.O. Box 2407
1600 26th Street, Ste 6	Ft. Pierce, FL34979	Fort Lauderdale, FL 33359-0835	James A. Farley Station
Vero Beach, FL 32960			New York, NY 10116



66th FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION Thursday august 10- Sunday august 13 Saddlebrook resort

Make plans to attend the 2025 A.A. International Convention scheduled in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

## Children of ChA.A.os Anniversary Party!



## Come celebrate with us!

Pizza, cake and drinks provided

Feel free to bring a dish to share!

## Wednesday - July 26 - 7pm

Unity Church 950 43rd Ave. Vero Beach





PLEASE EMAIL BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS TO

<u>"AAIRHOW@YAHOO.COM"</u> COLOFATION

Must be received no later then Wednesday, July 5, 2023 by 6:00 pm

#### LUNCH BUNCH

Bill VB . 32 yrs Sharon S. 25 yrs Gus R. 14 yrs Stephen S. 2 yrs Fred A. 1 yr Ann Y. 1 yr

#### A NEW DAY GRP

Mimi M. 30 yrs Doug D. 26 yrs Missy D. 20 yts Patty A. 17 yrs Chris E. 10 yrs Katherine 4 yrs Nick S. 1 yr Scarlett C. 1 yr

#### ODAAT GRP

Kay D. 50 yrs Susie S. 42 yrs Dutch V. 38 yrs Patricia B. 34 yrs Dan N. 32 yrs Scott H. 19 yrs Eric F. 17 yrs Liz L. 12 yrs Samantha C. 6 yrs Chuck S. 3 yrs

#### <u>VB MN'S GROUP</u>

Tom H. 38 yrs Rick P. 34 yrs Bob W. 32 yrs Ron P. 1 yrs Joe A. 9 yrs Brian E. 2 yrs Jake E. 1 yr

#### FREE AND EASY GRP

Mark O. 16 yrs Deb M. 5 yrs Andi B. 3 yrs Ava P. 2 yrs April G. 1 yr

#### **INDIAN RIVER WOMEN**

Hall S. 34 yrs Courtney O. 2 yrs Sara M. 4 yrs Kathryn C. 2 yrs Marla B. 14 yrs Heather Z. 18 yrs

#### INDIAN RIVER MEN'S GRP

Malcolm 38 yrs Eddie A. 35 yrs



CHILDREN OF CHAOS 3 Year Group Anniversary July 26, 2023 7pm Unity church 9050 43rd Avenue (SEE FLYER PAGE 4)

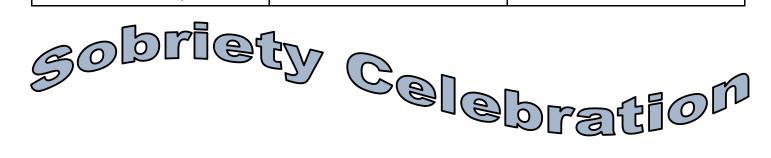


DISTRICT VI OKEECHOBEE FISH FRY TENTATIVE DATE SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2023



#### **417 GROUP**

Peyton P. 2 yrs Donna S. 2 yrs





## **Mission Statement**

The purpose of the Indian River central office (hereafter IRC O) is to provide a services within Indian River county, with the primary goal being to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. It is the mission of the IRCO to keep groups informed about A.A. activities by newsletter and by maintaining a website, answer inquiries for them, provide A.A. 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 12 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 A.A. groups within Indian River County

#### SPEAKER EXCHANGE PROGRAM



This program will allow anyone willing to share their Experience, <u>Strength</u> and Hope to make themselves available. Groups may access the list, kept at the Central Office, to invite any listed AA member to speak at their group.

AME: Sobriety Date:					
TELEPHONE NUMBER: HOME GROUP (optional) :					
Check days available; Sun Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	_ Fri	Sat
Check available area(s): North County	South Cou	inty	_		
Check available time of day: Mornings	Afternoor	1s	Evenings		
This form can either be dropped off at the Central Office or mailed to: <u>Indian River Central Office of A.A.</u> 1600 26 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 6 Vero Beach FL, 43070					

INDIAN RIVER CENTRAL OFFICE OF A.A. BIRTHDAY PLAN			
N. BIRTHDAY S. S			
This contribution on my(number of years of sobriety) A.A. Birthday is my way of saying			
THANK YOU			
to the Indian River Central Office for serving the A.A. community of Indian River County.			
Your Name: (optional) Group Name (optional			
Address (Optional)			
Please indicate whether you want your contribution credited to:			
your group or check hereif Anonymously			
Please make checks payable to Indian River Central Office of A.A.			
Drop off at Central Office or mail to			
Indian River Central Office of A.A			
1600 26 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 6 - Vero Beach, FL 43960			

AR 12-Step	Volunteer Application
Name	
Phone Number	
Area You would be willing to participate	
North County YN Sout	th CountyYN
AvailabilityMon—Fri\	WeekendsDaysEvenings
I am willing to: (Please circle all that apply)	
<ul> <li>It is suggested that a person NOT go on</li> </ul>	a twelfth step call alone to help an alcoholic who is still suffering.
<ul> <li><u>Also</u> you should NOT drive a wet drunk with you.</li> </ul>	to a treatment facility (detox) without having another A.A. membe
<ul> <li>If you circled either of these items, plea go along with you.</li> </ul>	se be sure that you have another member of A.A. that is willing to
<ul> <li>Talk to someone over the phone</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Talk to someone at their home</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Meet someone at a meeting</li> </ul>	Please return this form to Central Office or mail it to:
<ul> <li>Take someone to detox</li> </ul>	Indian River Central Office of AA.
<ul> <li>Give rides to AA meeting</li> </ul>	1600 26th Street, Suite 6
0	Vero Beach, FL 32960

## INDIAN RIVER CENTRAL OFFICE

## 7/8/2023

For Face-to-face meeting goto: http://www.indianriveraa.com For additional virtual meeting, goto: https://www.aa-intergroup.org

O.D.A.A.T.	SOBER CONNECTION	SOBER CONNECTION
OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED
988 7512 9964	325 870 3587	325 870 3587
63228	762375	762375
DISCUSSION	SPEAKER	BIG BOOK
TIESDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
NOON	5:00 OPM	5:00 OPM

SOBER CONNECTION		ROYAL PALM
CLOSED	OPEN	CLOSED
325 870 3587	325 870 3587	841 1625 8127
762375	762375	rm@8
12&12	CHAIR PERSON CHOICE	DISCUSSION
WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY
5:00 OPM	5:00 OPM	8:00 PM

3 LEG GROUP CLOSED	WED BIG BOOK OPEN	SOBER RAINBOW OPEN
452 100 1534 31236	319 619 2864	879 1279 781 WickedSoba
LITERATURE	SPEAKER/BIG BOOK	DISCUSSION
WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
NOON	5:30 PM	7:00 PM

LAKEWOOD PARK	
OPEN	
298 703 197	
2030	
SPEAKEER/DISCUSSION	
FRIDAY	
7:00 PM	

The virtual doors are open to all A.A. members, including the elderly, shut-ins, members in Care Facilities, such as Hospitals and Nursing Homes, medical rehabs as well a snowbirds wishing to maintain their A.A. connection with Indian River County