Indian River Central Office of A.A.

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A few words by Bill W.

No matter how unreasonable others may seem, I am responsible for not reacting negatively. Regardless of what is happening around me I will always have the prerogative, and the responsibility, of choosing what happens within me. I am the creator of my own reality. When I [review my day], I know that I must stop judging others. If I judge others, I am probably judging myself. Whoever is upsetting me most is my best teacher. I have much to learn from him or her, and in my hearts, I should thank that person.

Is sobriety all that we are to expect of a spiritual awakening? No, sobriety is only a bare beginning; it is only the first gift of the first awakening. If more gifts are to be received, our awakening has to go on. As it does go on, we find that bit by bit we can discard the old life - the one that did not work - for a new life that can and does work under any conditions whatever.

STEP 8:

"Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all."

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TRADITION 8: (long version)

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage nonalcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. Twelfth Step work is never to be paid for.

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CONCEPT 8 (long version)

"The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities. "

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The A.A. Service Manual combined with the Twelve Concepts for World Servic e—by Bill W, 2021-2023 Edition-revised and updated

We are not a glum lot

Big Book page 132

We have been speaking to you of serious, sometimes tragic things. We have been dealing with alcohol in its worst aspect. But we aren't a glum lot. If newcomers could see no joy or fun in our existence, they wouldn't want it. We absolutely insist on enjoying life. We try not to indulge in cynicism over the state of the nations, nor do we carry the world's troubles on our shoulders. When we see a man sinking into the mire that is alcoholism, we give him first aid and place what we have at his disposal. For his sake, we do recount and almost relive the horrors of our past. But those of us who have tried to shoulder the entire burden and trouble of others find we are soon overcome by them.

So we think cheerfulness and laughter make for usefulness. Outsiders are sometimes shocked when we burst into merriment over a seemingly tragic experience out of the past. But why shouldn't we laugh? We have recovered, and have been given the power to help others.

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I've got 99
problems and
86 of them are
completely
made up
scenarios in
my head that
I'm stressing
about for
absolutely no
logical reason.

TELL THE NEGATIVE
COMMITTEE THAT MEETS INSIDE YOUR HEAD TO SIT DOWN
AND SHUT UP

Do you eve	er get drunk?
Yes	
☐ No	X

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 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

INDIAN RIVER THURSDAY NIGHT

The third First meeting of the "Indian River Saturday Night group" was held AUgust 18, 1978 at the Red Crtoss Building. The meeting was started to fill the need for a Saturday evening meeting and initially met at the Red Cross building (17th Ave and 25th Street). In 19979 the group moved to the Chgurch of Christ (20th Street and 33rd Ave.) before moving to its current location at the Newport Club in February 1990. At that time, the "I Am Responsible" took the Tuesday and Saturday slots at the church and the Indian River "Saturday" Night group became the "Thursday" Night group as it started meeting on Thursday evenings which it still does today.,

Old timers will remember some of the names of the founding Kathy Buck S, Stephanie van W., Lewis C, Virginia C, Jim L., Jack E and Wally B.

In the late 1990s the group met at 8:30 pm and had 22 members. Average attendance was 30-50 people. Today the group meets at 7:00 pm In 2018 a group of members left the group and started the "AA Only" group.

Group Membership started with 9 members and had grown to 17 members in 2003, however, due to Covid membership was listed at 10 members in August 2021.

Over the years the group has been active in both General Service as well as Local service. Meetings have been taken to institutions. Members have volunteered at Central Office phone assistance as well as manning the desk in Central Office and have served at various committees over the years..

The group sponsored an Archives workshop in 1995, members have also served chairing the Central Office (2000) as well as the District Gratitude Dinner (2005) Several members have served as GSRs and DCMs over the years as well as Central Office representatives.



District 6



OKEECHOBEE FISH FRY

Saturday September 16, 2023 10am – 3 pm



FOOD FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

We are seeking AA approved literature for the Raffle.

Please Bring a Covered Dish or Dessert

C. Scott Driver Park 10100 SR-78 Okeechobee, FL 34974 Ticket contribution \$15





Tickets available At the Indian River Central Office

ABOUT MEETING GUIDE

Meetiing Guide syncs with area, district, intergroup/service office websites, relaying meeting information directly to the app./

Over 100,000 weekly meetings are currently

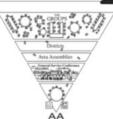
Make plans to attend the 2025 A.A. International Convention scheduled in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada



To The General Service Conference: Our Inheritance

WO CE

District 6 DCM Cordinators have asked Billy N. to share his experience, strength & hope as a past GSR, Panel 49 Delegate & Class B-General Service Trustee from his service suitcase during this Tri-County traveling roadshow.





~ Different topic for each event~ 1 HOUR PRESENTATION (Literature supplied) 1 HOUR Q&A (Information shared) We are here to serve...

~ The Home Group ~
Saturday~July 29th~1:30-3:30
N. Indian River County Library~1001 Sebastian Blvd. (5-12)

~ Many Kinds of Service ~ Wednesday~September 13th~5:30-7:30 Robert Morgade Library~5851 SE Community Dr.~Stuart

~ Your Inheritance ~
Saturday~October 14th~1:30-3:30
Bayshore Club~8545 S. U.S. Hwy. 1~Port St. Lucie

Meeting Guide features

Listing of both in-person and online meetings

listed, and the information is refreshed twice

- 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

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PLEASE EMAIL BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS TO "AAIRHOW@YAHOO.COM"

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



417 GROUP

Kristin P. 3 yrs

MEAT & POTATOES

from July

Danielle P. 9 yrs Michael S. 5 yrs

AuGUST

Angel L. 5 yrs Rebekah 6 yrs

THE LUNCH BUNCH

From July

Bill VB 42 yrs

<u>August</u>

Peter D. 35 yrs Hank T. 32 yrs Bonnie R, 19 yrs Mike F. 18 yrs

VERO BEACH MEN

Bill G, 35 yrs
Tom F. 23 yrs
Lane S. 22 yrs
George C. 18 yrs
Bill (Scrappy) 13 yrs
Jeff E. 8 yrs
Bill H. 7 yrs
John S. 6 yrs
Frank D. 6 yrs
Stephen H. 1 yr
Matt 1 yr.

INDIN RIVER WOMEN

Jenn M. 22 yrs Rebecca H 22 yrs Susie J. 12 yrs Ruth T. 6 yrs Ellen H. 4 yrs

VERO BEACH 12&12

From July

Jeff R. 31 yrs Sara R. 6 yrs Vern P. 4 yrs Alison T, 1 yr

August

Rich M. 39 yrs Ken K. 23 yrs Christopher A. 4 yrs

FREE & EASY

Debra S. 25 yrs Kevin M. 23 yrs

INDIAN RIVER MEN

Bill S. 39 yrs Bob C. 25 yrs Steve C. 21 yrs Tim K. 20yrs

NEW DAY

Mitzy 18 yrs Dawn B. 8 yrs Jim P. 1 yr

BAREFOOT BAY

From July

Steve 28 yrs Waybe 17 yrs.

<u>August</u>

Jaz 36 yrs Peter D. 35 yrs..

HIBISCUS MONDAY

From July

Sam E. 50 yrs

<u>August</u>

Bill .B. 40 yrs

WOMEN OF SEBASTIAN

Amanada L. 26 yrs Angela VOL 18 yrs

ODAAT

John R. 41 yrs Tom McC 37 yrs Sandy M. 14 yrs Kim A. 12 yrs Lisa C. 5 yrs Jerry P. 3 yrs Martin D. 1 yr

District VI



September 16, 2023
Tickets available at
Indian River Central Office
\$15

CONTRIBUTION ADDRESSES 2023-2024

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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.

member to speak at their group.					
NAME:		Sobr	iety Date: _		
TELEPHONE NUMBER: HOME GROUP (optional) :					
Check days available; Sun Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Check available area(s): North County	South Cou	ınty			
Check available time of day: Mornings Afternoons 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 th Street, Suite 6					

Vero Beach, FL 43070

INDIAN RIVER CENTRAL OFFICE OF A.A. BIRTHDAY PLAN



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 26th Street, Suite 6 - Vero Beach, FL 43960

AR 12-Step Volunteer Application				
Name				
Phone Number				
Area You would be wil	ling to partic	cipate		
North County	YN	South County_	YN	
Availability	_Mon—Fri	Weekends	Days	Evenings
Lam willing to: (Please ci	rcle all that a	oply)		

- 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. membe 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

Please return this form to Central Office or mail it to:

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

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Sober Connections	Sober Connections	
Sunday SP	Monday <u>B</u>	
325 870 3587	325 870 3587	
pass code 762375	pass code 762375	
OPEN 5:00 pm	OPEN 5:00 pm	

Keep It Simple Tuesday 12&12	Sober Connections Wednesday 12&12
998 7512 9964	325 870 3587
pass code 63228	762375
OPEN 4:00 pm	CLOSED 5:00 pm

Big Book	3 Leg Group		
Wednesday SP D	Wednesday AA Literature		
319 619 2864	452 100 1634		
no pass code	31236		
OPEN 5:00 pm	CLOSED 6:30 Pm		

Sober Rainbow	Lakewood Park	
Thnursday <u>D</u>	Friday <u>SP</u> <u>D</u>	
879 1279 781	298 703 197	
WickedSoba	2030	
CLOSED 7:30 PM	CLOSED 7:00 pm	













Code	Meeting Type
11	11th Step Meditation
12x12	12 Steps & 12
ABSI	As Bill Sees It
В	Big Book
BA	Babysitting
BE	Newcomer
C	Closed
CAN	Candlelight
CF	Child-Friendly
D	Discussion
DR	Daily Reflections
GR	Grapevine
LGBTQ	LGBTQ
LIT	Literature







Code	Meeting Type
LS	Living Sober
M	Men
MED	Meditation
O	Open
OUT	Outdoor
S	Spanish
SP	Speaker
ST	Step Study
TC	Lcn. Temp. Closed
TR	Tradition Study
W	Women
X	Wheelchair Access
XB	Wheelchair-
XT	Cross Talk Permitted
Y	Young People