

COMMUNIQUE

HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

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DO YOU HAVE ANY AA JOKES?
PLEASE SUBMIT THEM TO US...
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What do 2 AA bring on a second date?
...A U-Haul

Did you hear about the alcoholic medium....She made all the spirits disappear.

What do an alcoholic and a chemist have in common ...the both view alcohol as a solution.



Excerpt from "A Full Table: The Day of Sharing at G.S.O."

On December 3, 2019, the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous hosted a historic Day of Sharing with members of seven other Twelve Step fellowships. The gathering at A.A.'s upper Manhattan service office was not the first of its kind — the initial Day of Sharing took place in G.S.O.'s former location at 468 Park Avenue in 1991. There have been several subsequent ones attended by representatives of Al-Anon and the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD), as well as a "Fellowship Day of Sharing" in 2008 that included attendees from Debtors Anonymous (D.A.), Overeaters Anonymous (O.A.) and Narcotics Anonymous (N.A.).

But December's meeting brought together at one conference table the most diverse gathering of Twelve Step fellowships G.S.O. has ever hosted, not only Al-Anon, but also Cocaine Anonymous (C.A.), Narcotics Anonymous (H.A.), Heroin Anonymous (H.A.), Sexaholics Anonymous (S.A.), Debtors Anonymous (D.A.) and Overeaters Anonymous (O.A.). Jeff W., G.S.O.'s staff member on the Group Services desk, helped organize the gathering, and says, "What an effort they all made to come to this — some people traveled across the country to sit at that table together. I think we all felt this incredible gratitude. The potential was clear in terms of how much we can learn from each other." (Box 459)

Trivia Quest

- Q1 Name the physician that wrote the letter in te Dr's Opinion?
- Q2 According to the forward of the 2nd edition of the Big Book, what % of alcoholics who come to AA achieve total sobriety?
- Q3 The Big Book Mentions a Hampshire Granadier, How did he catch his death?
- Q4 What page & story would you find this poor sod?
- Q5 What day do we consider to be AA's birthday?
- Q6 How many **MUSTS** are in the first 164 pages of the Big Book?

AA TIME CAPSULE

Jack J. (JERSEY JACK), PART 1 of 3

Two days after graduating from High School, Jack and a friend enlisted in the Navy. The next day the war in Korea broke out. How is that for bad timing was Jack's refrain at the time. Jack served aboard two Navy Destroyers and traveled around the world, stopping in Korea, which Jack recalls to this day was the coldest country he has ever been to. Jack intended to make the Navy a career, but his last year was so chaotic he decided to leave the military behind and enter civilian life.

Civilian life did not go well for Jack and he started drinking heavily. He was a bartender and his apartment looked like a typical bachelor pad with a fully stocked bar. During the weekend of October 27th, 1973, Jack drank excessively the entire weekend. Jack had a girlfriend living with him at the time, who was also his drinking buddy, who asked him to stop drinking because of how out of control he was becoming. To keep her off of his back, Jack signed a pledge to her that said if he drank again, he would pay her \$1000.00. Of course, like most alcoholics, Jack was the expert manipulator because he knew the banks were closed on Sundays, so, he kept on drinking.

Thankfully when Jack emerged from his blackout on October 29, 1973, he knew he had a serious problem, so he called the only Irishman he knew who did not drink, Mike Murphy. Unfortunately, or because of God's grace, Mike did not answer the phone. With phone book in hand, Jack flipped the pages to the front and found the AA Hotline phone number. Thankfully, as our slogan says, the hand of AA was there as it is today.

A woman answered the phone from the New Jersey Intergroup Office and asked Jack if he had been drinking. When Jack replied that he was drinking, she said "Don't you think that it is odd that you are drinking at 10 a.m. on a Monday morning?" Jack of course said no and that he had been drinking since Thursday and just had not stopped. There was a brief pause on the other end and then she said I will have someone call you, and she did. An alcoholic named Danny came to Jack's front door a short time later. Danny spoke to Jack about his drinking and gave him a few of the AA pamphlets.

Jack told Danny that he thought he could control his drinking. In brief response, Danny replied, "If you have to control something it is out of control." Danny asked Jack if he would go with him to an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. Jack relented and went with Danny and his wife and Jack's girl at the time. Jack assumed he would walk in and see a bunch of guys who looked like they lived under a bridge. Instead, everyone present was well dressed, laughing and happy. A concept Jack had not yet experienced.

During this meeting, a guy was celebrating 90 days of sobriety. In New Jersey back at that time, when someone had 90 days of continuous sobriety, they were presented with a 90-day pin. The 90-day pin was basically a Jersey thing invented in 1945 by a jeweler in the program. There were only 100 originals pins printed. At first it was called an Honor Pin.

The recipient was to "Wear It With Honor." Simply put, in the case of a "slip" the member is honor bound to stop wearing the pin until he or she had again achieved three months of unbroken sobriety. Jack described the meaning of the symbols placed on the pin: There is a G on the top of the pin, AA at the bottom and a small dot in the middle. The dot represents how small or insignificant the individual is as compared to AA as a whole and if you keep one hand on G-d and the other on AA you will not have a hand left to pick up a drink. Jack to this day, 47 years later, can still be spotted wearing the pin on the lapel of his suit jacket or sweater at a Unity meeting or other AA event.

Danny eventually became Jack's first sponsor. Jack's second meeting was what they referred to in Jersey as an "Eaten Meeten, it was a group anniversary with individual celebrants. Danny told Jack to try some of the food that was there and when Jack walked towards the table, he ran into a man he had thrown out of a bar he had been working in because the guy was bumming for drinks. The man remembered Jack and said, "Hi Jack, been waiting for you." The man was celebrating his 4- year anniversary and later he and Jack became good friends. Q1 Dr William D Silkworth.

To be Continued.....

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Brooksville, FL 34603
(payable to District 13)

HERNANDO COUNTY INTERGROUP

4118 Lamson Ave.,
Spring Hill, FL 34608
(payable to Hernando County Intergroup)

NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

5703 Red Bug Lake Road, Unit 241
Winter Springs, FL 32708
(payable to NFAC)

GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE

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

DISTRICT MEETING**First Monday of the month**

Mar 1st, 2021 at 6:15 PM
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
1214 Broad St, Masaryktown, FL

INTERGROUP MEETING**First Friday of the month**

Mar 5th, 2021 @ 6:30pm,
Forest Oaks Lutheran Ch
8555 Forest Oaks Blvd.,
Spring Hill, FL

Welcome Back**Unity****Meeting**

Hosted by

Principles B4 Personalities

Saturday

Mar 13th

Doors open at 6:30

Meeting at 7:00 pm

Nativity Lutheran Church

6363 Commercial Way

Weeki Wachee, FL

For more info please contact:

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**HERNANDO CTY INTERGROUP
CENTRAL OFFICE/BOOK STORE**

4118 Lamson Ave.

Spring Hill, FL 34608

Office Manager: JJ M

Hotline/Phone number

352-683-4597

Intergroup Bookstore Hours:

Mon - Fri 9 am-1 pm

Saturday 9 am-12 pm

BOOKSTORE EMAIL:

bookstore@aahernando.org

Information on local AA:

info@aahernando.org

Service Corner

Hello District 13!!!

Area Assembly was held on January 8, 9 and 10, 2021. It was made possible by a modern invention called "Zoom". Many workshops were available for anyone who wanted to attend as well as an excellent speaker presented on Saturday night. On Sunday, for the General Session, District 13 was represented by 1 DCM, 1 Alt DCM, 10 GSR's and 2 visitors. 'Cheers' to the Home Groups of District 13 who send a representative to speak for their group conscience. Never forget that the "Home Group's" are in charge! Your voice and votes really matter!!

Shout out to Lori P., Nina V. and Tia M. who serve on Area 14! The next Area Assembly will be held in April 2021. I look forward to a time that all of our Groups will be represented!

In Humble Service,
Eleanor Black, DCM District 13 Q5 June 10th

AS BILL SEES IT, CITIZENS AGAIN

Each of us in turn- that is, the member, who gets the most out of the program, spends a very large amount of time on Twelfth Step work in the early years. That was my case, and perhaps I should not have stayed sober with less work.

However, sooner or later most of us are presented with other obligations, to family, friends, and country. As you will remember, the Twelfth Step also refers to 'practicing these principles in all our affairs.' Therefore, I think your choice of whether to take a particular Twelfth Step job is to be found in your own conscience. No one else can tell you for certain what you ought to do at a particular time.

I just know that you are expected, at some point, to do more than carry the message of A.A. to other alcoholics. In A.A. we aim to not only for sobriety- we try again to become citizens of the world that we rejected, and of the world that once rejected us. This is the ultimate demonstration toward which Twelfth Step work is the first but not the final step.

In early February of 2020 a sharing session at G.S.O. was on the broad topic "The Group Conscience" and was held during the weekend –long meeting of A.A.'s General Service Board. Three presenters offered their thoughts on sub-topics intended to draw a focus on the group conscience and the critical role it plays throughout the Fellowship. The presentations are excerpted here to highlight each of the subtopics and are available in full from G.S.O.

What is the Group Conscience in our changing times? In our time we want fast results and we are driven to achieve them and want them today. Many consider multi-tasking as a virtue. We often forget the long form of the Second Tradition states, "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority- a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience. Substantial unanimity through discussion, debate and opinions are essential for a group conscience.

"The Group Conscience as Our Guide at All Levels" How we do things in service is just as important as the ends we achieve.....We need to be super-democratic, governed by a group conscience rather than excessive authority vested in one individual or group; we need to be as open as possible with respect to our decisions and actions; and, in our service activities, we need to treat each other with the same patience, tolerance and kindness that we do in recovery. This means to me that the group conscience is not just a utilitarian mechanism for summing up the common welfare, but rather, as the Second Traditions states, the very means by which a loving God finds expression in all levels of A.A.

The Trusted Servant connected to our Group Conscience. Our group conscience goes far beyond anything that can be reflected in an Advisory Action or in the meeting minutes. Even though these outcomes are significant, we are duty bound to cheerfully adhere to the formal outcomes of our business, there is more required to 'connect.' "At its best," the group conscience includes minority opinion and wide consultation; often there are even varying views within the majority, and while there is only one outcome, all of these views can contribute to our 'conscience' about a given topic.

"We should also remember that there is an informal group conscience. Views within A.A. are not always expressed through a ballot or raising a hand in the air. More often our views are expressed through our feet when we attend some A.A. meetings or events but not others; or in the basket through the contributions- or lack of them- received. Try to be connected to these expressions of our group conscience as well, since there is much to be learned there."

Excerpt from Boc 459 Feb 2020

HERNANDO COUNTY INTERGROUP DECEMBER 2020

	<u>12/31/2020</u>		<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 20</u>
Income:				
7th Tradition	332.16	AA Way of Life Grp	0.00	80.00
Sales		Algood Grp	0.00	320.82
AA Grapevine	31.5	Anonymous	0.00	919.19
AAWS Books	-1,367.90	Aripeka Open Speaker	0.00	180.00
Medallions	50.35	Ask it Basket	0.00	1.48
Non AA Books	36.25	Fellowship We Crave	0.00	50.00
Other Recovery Items	<u>34.5</u>	Fresh Air	0.00	145.30
Total Sales	-1,215.30	Fun & Frolic	0.00	200.00
Total Income	-883.14	Garden Grove Grp	0.00	80.00
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>285.35</u>	Heavy Hitters	0.00	236.50
Gross Profit	-1,168.49	Hernando Beach	50.00	75.00
Expense:		Hope Grp	0.00	100.00
Rent	360	Ladies Big Book Grp	0.00	60.00
Telephone	<u>156.03</u>	Let Go and Let God	0.00	139.74
Total Expense	<u>516.03</u>	Living Sober Grp	150.00	254.71
Net Income	<u>-1,684.52</u>	More Serenity Sisters	0.00	50.00
		No Home Group	0.00	4.02
		Precisely II	0.00	400.00
		Principles Before Personalities	95.89	1,326.92
		Ridge Manor Grp	0.00	450.00
		Rough Road Grp	0.00	411.34
		Saturday Beginners	1.27	1.27
		Serendipity Sisters	0.00	250.00
		Singleness of Purpose	0.00	160.00
		Step Sisters	0.00	65.00
		Sunset Grp	0.00	360.00
		The Promises	0.00	50.00
		The Steps We Took	0.00	74.39
		There is a Solution	35.00	320.56
		Thursday Night Step	0.00	0.60
		Together We Stand	0.00	230.00
		Umbrella Group	0.00	333.50
		Unity Meeting	0.00	292.40
		WISE Women	0.00	100.30
		Women's Serenity Group	0.00	86.90
		TOTAL	<u><u>332.16</u></u>	<u><u>7,809.94</u></u>

Volunteers are always needed !!! At the office, at an event and especially the AA Hotline.

We need Group reps too, be your groups voice as well. Service is an important part of what we do to stay sober!!!

Traditions Checklist

Tradition Two:

- 1. Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?
- 2. Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
- 3. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
- 4. Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?
- 5. Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
- 6. In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

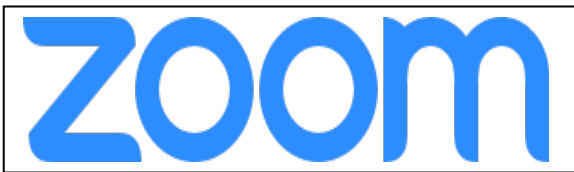
Q3 Cold small beer

Concepts Checklist

Concept II:

- 1. Do we have an understanding of the history of the General Service Conference (the “Conference”)?
- 2. What is a Conference Advisory Action?
- 3. Does our home group’s G.S.R., D.C.M., and area delegate report back to the group on the highlights of the Conference and Conference Advisory Actions?
- 4. Is our group meeting its wider Seventh Tradition responsibilities?

Q4 first page of Bills Story



Some of us still can not get out and about. We at District 13 want to be all inclusive, so those GSR’s that are homebound have the opportunity to attend the district meeting. No one should ever be unable to attend any type of meeting. These make AA accessible, to so many, who would otherwise be left out. We do not know when this pandemic will end, so until then stay connected.

Meeting ID 972 9454 5561 Passcode: district13

District 13 Treasurers YTD 2020

<u>Income 2020</u>	<u>7th Trad</u>	<u>Corrections</u>	<u>Communique</u>	<u>Seed \$</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>2,020.00</u>
Algood Grp	90.00					Area assembly	431.79
Founders Day				400.00		Archives	165.00
Hernando Beach Grp	75.00					Archives exp	45.65
Intergroup			550.12			communique	2,343.29
Hope Grp	184.00					Communique exp	34.97
Ladies BB Grp	60.00					founders day	400.00
Let Go Let God	50.00					lit comm	55.11
More Serenity Sisters	50.00					workshops	100.00
Principles B4 Personalitie	435.67	140.00				printing	309.18
IG pink can		9.88				po box	118.00
Promises Grp	30.00					zoom	76.05
Ridge Manor BB	80.00					fees	10.00
Rough Road Grp	45.00						<u>4,089.04</u>
Step Sisters	40.00						
Steps We Took	25.00						
Sunset Grp	40.00					Net Profit/(loss)	(671.03)
There is a Solution Grp	250.00						
Umbrella Grp	178.20						
Women's Serenity Grp	22.14						
Jan Unknown Cash	144.00						
Feb Unknown Cash	30.00						
Mar Unknown Cash	489.00						
Total Income	2,318.01	149.88	550.12	400.00	<u>3418.01</u>		

<u>Proposed Budget 2021</u>			
Income:			Expense:
7 Trad	2400.00		Archives Rent
HCI 1/2 Communique	1,530.00		Business Meeting Rent
Founders Day 7th Trad	600.00		Online Meeting
Interest Income	0.24		Postage, Mailing Service
Total Income	4,530.24		Communique Printing
			Supplies
			Event Exp
			DCM
			Alt-DCM
			Parliamentarian
			Treasurer
			Secretary
			Accessibilities
			Archives
			Corrections Committee
			Grapevine Committee
			Literature Committee
			PICPC
			Travel and Meetings Area
			Assembly Exp
			Total Expense
			Net Income
			<u>-1,752.76</u>

FEBRUARY 2021 ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Group Anniversaries</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Ridge Manor Big Book</u>	<u>Years</u>
Happy Hour	23	Steve G	3
Promises	20	Russell H	12
		LeLaine	35
<u>Member Anniversaries</u>			
<u>Al Good</u>		<u>Rough Road</u>	
Kurtis D	11	Daina	10
<u>Aripeka Open Speaker</u>		<u>Serenity Sisters</u>	
Jim D	35	Patience	2
<u>Friendship/A Desire</u>		<u>Singleness of Purpose</u>	
Jack P	46	Howard B	12
<u>Happy Hour</u>		<u>Spring Hill Monday Night</u>	
Felicia P	7	Katie M	28
Steve T	35		
<u>Hernando Beach</u>		<u>Step Sisters</u>	
Mike C	2	Tammy C	38
John McF	15	<u>Sunset Grp</u>	
Terry K	36	Kevin M	14
Pat C	39		
<u>Hope Grp</u>		<u>Thursday Nite Welcome</u>	
Ann S	33	Jeremy P	1
		Tom M	30
<u>Let Go & Let God</u>		<u>Womens Serenity Grp</u>	
Josh	2	Jinty	14
Terry M	12	Ernestine	29
<u>Principles B4 Personalities</u>			
Michelle S	3		
Bill V	3		
Jason G	9		
George E	33		
Ann S	33		

This blank spot is tribute to Mary T.
It also represents Line 6 Page 42 of the Big Book.

ATTENTION

District 13 has a new address. It has been difficult to get access to the PO Box we had, but we were able to get the District 13 mail forwarded to the new one. We should be receiving a refund from the old one and the new one was purchased for a year and that actually gives us 13 months. The new address is:

District 13
PO Box 10653
Brooksville, FL 34603

WE have had a little progress getting back into the Women's Prison to bring in a meeting. They are limiting the volunteers allowed but the girls are finally getting meeting again!!!!

Thank you for your
Service Ladies!!

