

# Communiqué

HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA



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### Bill Wilson's House

As I drove to the Wilson House, I was in awe of the landscape and views surrounding the area and the state of Vermont. Mountains as far as you could see, back roads winding through cute little towns with picturesque homes and downtowns, we found ourselves in a town that had 3 covered bridges, with beautiful mountains as the background for the town it also boasted some cute little shops and restaurants. Although I'm sure in Bill W's time it was completely different, it was rural community back then with mostly farmland. East Dorset was and still is a small community with a marble quarry that is no longer active. I assume the quarry was probably one of the larger businesses in the area and employed many. The Wilson House is a large home with a sprawling front porch lined with rocking chairs, the home is currently painted red, but if I remember correctly last time I was there (20 or more years ago) it was white. As I walked up to the front entrance, I noticed the walkway and stairs are all made of marble, it was beautiful. As I entered the home it faced a staircase that went up to the guest rooms. I walked to my left and went into what must have been the formal living room area. In this room I looked thru a glass case that had a big red Big Book (I overheard someone say it was Bill W's), I started reading about the history of how the big book first got published, and how it almost didn't happen. It was the spring of 1939, AA in its infancy and the future were in doubt. AA Pioneers were broke and struggling to fine financial baking to publish the book Alcoholics anonymous. It was decided that AA would publish the book themselves through the newly established Works Publishing Inc. Bill W and Hank P (The Unbeliever story in the 1st Edition) were selling stock as a means to raise money for the printing of the book. They soon found that all the money they raised needed to pay for office expenses and daily living. It took a lot of faith and good fortunes from several different people.

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**District Meeting**  
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September 6, 2021  
at 6:15 PM  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
1214 Broad St., Masaryktown

**Intergroup Meeting**  
First Friday of the month  
September 3, 2021 at 6:30 PM  
Forest Oaks Lutheran Church  
8555 Forest Oaks Blvd. , Spring Hill

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**Group Donation Addresses**

Group Treasurers:  
Please send donations to the following:

**District 13 Treasurer**  
P.O. Box 1941  
Brooksville, FL 34605  
(please make checks payable to District 13)

**Hernando Intergroup**  
4116 Lamson Ave,  
Spring Hill, 34608 ( make checks payable to Hernando County Intergroup)

**North Florida Area Assembly NFAC**  
P.O.Box 226  
DeLeon Springs, Florida 32130

(Please make checks payable to NFAC)

**General Service Office**  
PO Box 459 Grand Central Station New York, NY 10163  
(Please make checks payable to GSO)

*Step Eight*

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

HOW it works, Honesty, Open-minded and Willing. If we have worked the previous seven steps with a sponsor and we have been brutally honest we should be able to look back at Step Four and find a list of people who have been affected by our drinking, by our selfish and self-centered actions, by the effects of our disease. The alcoholic has a disease that wants them to isolate, be alone, push away anyone who loves them and to kill themselves. You are my friend as long as you drink the way I do and you do not complain or criticize me about my drinking habits. The really clever drunk drank alone at home, maybe in the closet, or maybe out in the woods, or possibly under the bridge, just any place where personal interactions could be avoided at all costs. Or to the other extreme where we hear the sot tell us that they sat at the corner of the bar, filled with people, and they were the loneliest person in the world. The disease is cunning, baffling, powerful and it will tell you exactly what you want to hear, the excuses, the justifications the flimsy reason to explain why we drank too much.

Step Eight has the easy part, the list of names of those we have harmed and the hard part, being honest about the harms done and what part did we play in those actions.

Step Eight is laying the groundwork for ridding ourselves of resentments, that thinking that will lead us back to drink, and for learning how to forgive. Forgiveness is the primary tool for letting go of the past, for clearing your side of the street and for that reason your own name should be on the "Step Eight" list.

Before you go headlong into Step Nine it is suggested that you review the list of names with you sponsor, that you understand the consequences of your intentions and that you know what changes in you that you need to make.

Remember, sorry does not cut it, show the world that you are a new soul that is willing to go to any lengths to stay sober. The best amends are shown in the actions, not in the words.

Please remember that a prayer to the Higher Power of your understanding, asking for the guidance to do His will, makes doing every step a little easier to take.

ME and the Boss, Brooksville , FL

## Tradition Eight

"Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.". Service, what was so freely given to me for my sobriety, I am responsible, that when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, my sobriety and the welfare of AA as a whole, becomes my responsibility to freely give back in return.

Suggestion, read the AA publication "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p. 166-171, attend a Tradition meeting or workshop, ask your sponsor, make the Steps and traditions an integral part of yur meeting before the meeting or your meetng after the meeting.

Always remember that our primary purpose is to stay sober, carry the message and make sure that Anonimity is the spiritual foundation of all of your principles.

ME and the Boss, Brooksvill, FL

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**[communique@aahernando.org](mailto:communique@aahernando.org)**

Items need to be submitted by the 20th of the month for publication in the following month's edition. However, articles will be placed in the publication only as space and time allow.

Nobody works harder than a drunk person trying to carefully whisper a secret.

Bill Wilson's House (Con't from page 1)

.For the printing, they used a thicker paper, wide margins and bigger print to make the book thicker. The printer had excess red paint and offer them a deal on it for the bindings, eager to save cost they agreed. The first printing was the only one that a red binding was primarily used. There were a very limited number of second printings that were red. A green cover was used on a limited number of Third printings and on the majority of the fourth. All of the other printings of the Big Book have been in various shades of blue.

I visited a while with some of the volunteers and learned they are there this year (because of Covid) for approximately 7 weeks. They love being there and enjoy meeting everyone.

In the back of the house is a large meeting room for AA meetings, in one area is a large fireplace with seating, (which I'm sure many sponsor/sponsee meetings have taken place. In another area is a large table, then scattered around are chairs and couches. This is the area that meetings are held. They have meeting almost daily.

The Wilson House is where Bill W was born, but he was brought up in the Griffith House down the street. Which is now the Griffith Library. His family was prominent and owned much of the area.

We had a wonderful day visiting, not only the house but also Bill W's gravesite.

Today, this alcoholic feels truly blessed and grateful that this man chose to begin his journey and new way of life, which has turned into a journey and a new way of life for so many of us. Grateful to be sober today One Day at a Time.

Sue S.

A grasshopper walks into a bar, and the bartender says "Hey did you know they named a drink after you"? And the grasshopper says "Why would they name a drink Bob?"

Jokes courtesy of Jim B.

Intergroup - (Definition) "A Central or Intergroup Office is an AA service Office that involves partnerships among groups in a community - just as AA groups themselves are partnerships of individuals. It exists to aid the groups in their common purpose of carrying the AA message to the Alcoholic who still suffers".

Have you ever been to an Intergroup Meeting? Well, why not? You are missing out on some spectacular service opportunities that are available right here in District 13! From the Intergroup Office, which offers AA books, (audio/video) literature, pamphlets, medallions; and publishes the "Where And When", as well as many resources to aid us in our recovery, to the events that bring our fellowship together. The "Unity" dinner every month is always amazing and well attended. The "Picnic", "Founder's Day", "Gratitude Dinner", and "Christmas Party" are events provided for us to share with our huge AA family. Not to mention the 24 hour hot-line which is a shining example of the "Responsibility Pledge". They have the HEART Committee who alerts us in inclement weather and the 12 Step Call list that is an important part of the recovery process for many. John K., the Webmaster, created a web page specifically for Hernando County Intergroup with continuous updates of Intergroup and District Functions. If you have enjoyed any of these services provided by Hernando County Intergroup, you know how important they are to all of us! Please make an effort to attend the Hernando County Intergroup Meeting held on the 1st Friday of each month at 6:30pm at Forest Oaks Lutheran Church - you'll want to jump right into service!!

In Service, Eleanor B. DCM District 13

Did you Know???

The first AA meetings online used bulletin boards and were around 1986. Email groups started forming in the early nineties and the development of the World Wide Internet rapidly fueled the growth and variety of groups. The first online AA group, "Lamp-lighters", was formed in 1990, and has met by email continuously since then. Now there are hundreds of AA groups with thousands of members, connected together through this Online group. Using various mechanisms such as video conferencing, phone conferencing, message boards, email listserve, and chat rooms; the AA community is constantly connecting and finding new, creative ways to communicate the experience, strength and hope of recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Source- ( Online Intergroup Of AA)

*"The A. A. traditions are neither rules, regulations nor laws. We obey them willingly because we ought to and because we want to."*

.As Bill Sees It p 319

The Twelve Steps are to keep the alcoholic from killing himself.

The Twelve Traditions are to keep the alcoholics from killing each other.

More suggestions.

For over eighty years A.A. has helped millions of alcoholics achieve sobriety and if we continue to follow these few simple suggestions, hopefully, there will be many more millions to come. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Recovery is being willing to obey a few simple suggestions.

Sobriety is a blessing from a Higher Power.

ME and the Boss

**GRATITUDE  
IS THE  
ATTITUDE!**

## District 13 Treasury Report

1:33 PM  
07/12/21  
Accrual Basis

### District 13 Profit & Lo June 2021

### Donations

	<u>Jun 21</u>	Jan - June 21		May	Jun	YTD
Beginning Balance	3599.27		Allgood Grp	\$160.00		\$160.00
Income			AA Way of Life	\$25.00		\$25.00
Group Contributions			Audio Big Book	\$235.00		\$235.00
Corrections Contributions	823.66	981.38	Fun And Frolic		\$150.00	\$150.00
Group Contributions	<u>235.00</u>	<u>2032.00</u>	Aripeka Speaker			\$0.00
Total Group Contributions	1058.66	3013.38	Hernando Beach			\$0.00
Founders Day Seed	400.00	400.00	Hope Group	\$100.00		\$100.00
HCI 1/2 Communique	<u>0.00</u>	<u>765.00</u>	Let Go and Let God	\$50.00		\$50.00
Total Income	1458.66	4178.38	Living Sober	\$100.00		\$100.00
Expense			More Serenity Sisters			\$0.00
Archives Rent	50.00	110.00	P.B. P.	\$298.19	\$178.32	\$476.51
Bank Charges	0.00	87.85	Precisiely II	\$200.00		\$200.00
Committee Budget Exp			Ridge Manor Group	\$300.00		\$300.00
Treatment Comm	0.00	75.40	Rough Road Group	\$2.70		\$2.70
Communique	255.00	1650.00	Singleness of Purpose	\$125.00		\$125.00
extra print for may	120.00	0.00	Spring Hill Monday Night	\$100.00		\$100.00
Postage, Mail Service	0.00	76.50	Step Sisters			\$0.00
Printing and Copying	<u>4.00</u>	<u>146.48</u>	Sunset Group	\$600.00		\$600.00
Total Expense	429.00	2146.23	The Steps we took	\$50.74		\$50.74
Net Income	<u>1029.66</u>	<u>2032.15</u>	There is a Solution	\$130.00	\$35.00	\$165.00
Ending Balance	4628.93		Together We Stand	\$5.00		\$5.00
			Tranquility Group	\$100.00		\$100.00
			Tuesday Night B.B	\$5.00		\$5.00
			Unity		\$455.00	\$455.00
			Umbrella Group	\$170.75		\$170.75
			Wise Women	\$100.00		\$100.00
			Womens Serenity Group	\$60.00		\$60.00
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					\$818.32	\$3,735.70

## Hernando County Intergroup June 2021 Treasury Report

<u>Hernando County Intergroup</u>	Checking	Savings
Beginning Balance	\$ 5,141.88	\$ 3,062.67
Deposits	\$ 1,390.17	
Checks	\$ (2,302.86)	
Withdrawals/Debits	\$ (239.83)	
Interest		\$ 0.02
Ending Balance	\$ 3,989.36	\$ 3,062.69
	<b>Income</b>	
Group Contributions	\$ 818.32	
	<u>Sales</u>	
Office Sales	\$ 532.90	
Sales tax	\$ 34.64	
	<u>Other income</u>	
Archives rent	\$ 50.00	
District Copies	\$ 4.00	
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<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,439.86</b>	
	<u>Expenses</u>	
Rent	\$ (600.00)	
Electric	\$ (83.20)	
Square fees	\$ -	
Spectrum	\$ (156.63)	
Office Supplies	\$ (236.83)	
Printing Plus	\$ (112.37)	
Unity Rent	\$ (150.00)	
Founders Days Seed	\$ (400.00)	
Return Pink can district money	\$ (803.66)	
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<b>Total Expences</b>	<b>\$ (2,542.69)</b>	
<b>Profits or Loss June 2021</b>	<b>\$ (1,102.83)</b>	

### Big Book Trivia

So, you see, there were three alcoholics in that town, who now felt they had to \_\_\_\_\_, or be sunk."

- stay away from people, places and things
- give to others what they had found
- play the tape all the way through
- go to 90 meetings in 90 days
- write a gratitude list

The answer will be in Septembe's issue of the Communique

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Group Anniversaries</u>		<u>Principles B4 Personalities</u>		<u>Sunset Group</u>	<u>Years</u>
Fun & Frolic	23	Charlie M.	26	Victor R.	26
Ladies Big Book	15	Donna H.	24	Gracie M.	14
		Craig A.	23	Michelle B.	11
<u>Al Good</u>	<u>Years</u>	Mike P.	21		
Tom C.	35	Will P.	15	<u>Tranquility Group</u>	
John D.	30	Shannon G.	8	Margaret Y.	37
Will P.	15	Linda S.	4	Chris T.	6
Mark C.	2	Ed Q.	4		
		Bob S.	2	<u>Umbrella Group</u>	
<u>Aripeka Open Speaker</u>				Santiago T.	40
Craig T.	12	<u>Promises Group</u>		Patti Z.	39
Wayne H.	10	Brian H.	6	Tim T.	39
				John D.	33
<u>Heavy Hitters</u>		<u>Ridge Manor Big Book</u>		Claudia S.	29
George H.	27	Marsha L.	33	Renee D.	2
Michelle S.	6	Al C.	22	Marc	2
Daniel H.	5	Theresa H.	10		
		Alita H.	3	<u>W.I.S.E. Women</u>	
<u>Hernando Beach</u>		Jordan W.	3	Sydney Ann G.	32
Bo L.	27				
George H.	27	<u>Rough Roads</u>		<u>Women's Serenity Grp</u>	
Eric T.	23	Don G.	44	Claudia S.	29
<u>Hope Group</u>		<u>Serendipity Sisters</u>		<u>Young Mens Group</u>	
Carolyn W.	33	Laura L.	8	Craig T.	12
Tony C.	26	Shannon	7	Andy C.	9
Eleanor B.	8				
		<u>Spring Hill Monday Night</u>			
<u>Let Go &amp; Let God</u>		Rich M.	2		
Brian H.	6				
		<u>Step Sisters</u>			
<u>Life Goes On</u>		Laura L.	8		
John D.	30				
		<u>Steps We Took</u>			
<u>More Serenity Sisters</u>		John D.	30		
Sydney Ann G.	32	Charlie M.	26		
		Nick Z.	12		
		Wayne	10		

***If you find mistakes in this newsletter, please consider that they are there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.***

### *Next Unity Meeting Saturday August 14*

*Doors open at 6:30 ,*

*Meeting at 7:00*

**Nativity Lutheran Church  
6363 Commercial Way,  
Weeki Wachee, FL**

The August meeting will be  
hosted by the  
**Serendipity Sisters**

**September Unity Meeting  
Saturday 11th  
September Host  
Let Go and Let God**

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Daily Reprieve

We are not cured of alcoholism. What we really have is a daily reprieve contingent on the maintenance of our spiritual condition.

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We of A.A. obey spiritual principles, at first because we must, then because we ought to, and ultimately because we love the kind of life such obedience brings. Great suffering and great love are A.A.'s disciplinarians; we need no others.

1. ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, P. 85

2. TWELVE AND TWELVE, P. 174

Favorite from "As Bill Sees It" submitted by Mark S.