

COMMUNIQUE

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A.A. History Lovers

“I am responsible. . .when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.”

It was written for the 1965 AA International Convention in Toronto. In an article titled, ‘How I am Responsible became a part of AA’, from the GSO newsletter, Box 4-5-9. The article identifies former AA trustee, Al S. as the author of the Responsibility Statement.

In the souvenir book for the 1965 Convention, Dr. Jack Norris writes:“...We must remember that AA will continue strong only so long as each of us freely and happily gives it away to another person, only as each of us takes our fair share of responsibility for sponsorship of those who still suffer, for the growth and integrity of our Group, for our Intergroup activities, and for AA as a whole.

It is in taking responsibility that real freedom and the enduring satisfactions of life are found. AA has given us the power to choose – to drink or not to drink – and in doing so has given us the freedom to be responsible for ourselves. As we become responsible for ourselves, we are free to be responsible for our share in AA, and unless we happily accept this responsibility we lose AA. Strange, isn’t it?”

In a Grapevine article in October 1965, the Responsibility Statement is discussed, and Bill W. expresses his views:Two major thoughts stood out in the remarks of the many speakers, alcoholic and nonalcoholic, at AA’s July Toronto Convention. The first was admiration and gratitude for AA’s startling success in sobering up hundreds of thousands of lost-cause drunks. .

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Monthly Intergroup Meeting

August 12th, 2022 @ 6:30 PM
Forest Oaks Lutheran Church
8555 Forest Oaks Blvd
Spring Hill FL

Zoom Info:

Monthly District Meeting

First Monday Of The Month.
August 1st, 2022 @ 6:15PM
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
1214 Broad St.
Masaryktown FL

Zoom ID: 987 5790 9290
Password: district13

Group Donations**District 13 Treasurer**

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Please let your Groups know that there are many open positions within District and Intergroup. Zoom meetings information had change so many couldn't get on Zoom last month, hopefully we have corrected the issue.

A.A. HISTORY LOVERS

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The other was concern that the success which has come to AA over the thirty years since its start in Akron, Ohio in 1935 would not lead us to any complacency about the size of the job still to be done.

The theme of the Convention was: Responsibility. I am responsible. when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

AA's co-founder, Bill, in his talk to over 10,000 attending the major sessions of the Convention, stressed the need for cooperation with all who work on the problem of alcoholism, the more than 100 agencies in the United States and Canada alone now engaged in research, alcohol education and rehabilitation.

Too often, we have deprecated and even derided these projects of our friends just because we do not always see eye to eye with them, Bill said. We should very seriously ask ourselves how many alcoholics have gone on drinking simply because we have failed to cooperate in good spirit with these many agencies. No alcoholic should go mad or die merely because he did not come straight to AA in the beginning.

The first concern of AA members should be with problem drinkers the movement is still unable to reach, Bill said. He estimated that there are 20 million alcoholics in the world today, five million in the U.S. alone. Some cannot be reached because they are not hurt enough, others because they are hurt too much, he declared.

Many sufferers have mental and emotional complications that seem to foreclose their chances. Yet it would be conservative to estimate that at any particular time there are four million alcoholics in the world who are able, ready and willing to get well if only they knew how. When we remember that in the 30 years of AA'S existence we have reached less than ten per cent of those who might have been willing to approach us, we begin to get an idea of the immensity of our task and of the responsibilities with which we will always be confronted.

There have been two Advisory Actions from the General Service Conference regarding the Declaration of Responsibility since it was introduced. In 1971, the Conference recommended that:

The Literature Committee, following the general feeling of the Conference, reaffirm both the spirit and the wording of the I am Responsible Declaration from the International Convention held in Toronto in 1965.

And in 1977, the Conference recommended that:

The Responsibility Declaration not be changed, as it was made at the 1965 International Convention in Toronto.

By Alcoholics Anonymous World Services

UNITY MEETING

August 13th, 2022

Doors open at 6:30 for food and fellowship Please bring a desert.

Meeting @ 7:00 Hosted by:

Lunch Bunch

Nativity Lutheran Church

6363 Commercial Way

Weeki Wachee, FL

September Host will be:

Hernando Beach Group



*Fort Lauderdale
Marriott Harbor
Beach
Resort & Spa*

Fort Lauderdale Beach

August 3-7, 2022

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Wednesday: 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Registration still open: \$40

Rooms available at area hotels: Best Western Plus Oceanside Inn, B Ocean Resort, Marriott Courtyard. Shuttle service available from local Hotels to the convention

Meet our new Accessibilities Chair

My name is Richard C. and I am an alcoholic. I recently celebrated 1 year continuous sobriety. I am the new chairperson of the accessibilities committee. If you or you know of a member having difficulty receiving the message of A.A. please reach out to me as there are many ways I may be able to assist. If you or you know of a member that is or will have an extended stay in a hospital, visitors are great. If you want a meeting brought to the hospital please let me know. Also introducing "Meeting in a Box." If any member is unable to attend meetings in person, I have a complete meeting designed to self-contained from set up to clean up (including coffee and readings.) I can be reached at accessibilities@aahernando.org and check that on average twice a day. I am also available on Hernando Communique Online facebook page messenger. Thank you.

Service Opportunities

- * **Intergroup office in need of volunteers.**
- * **District 13 Archives**
- * **District 13 Literature**
- * **Corrections is in desperate need Of volunteers, If interested please contact Debbie Q for more information. (314)607-4670**

Anniversary information can now be submitted from our website. Look for the link "Anniversary Submissions" at the top of our homepage, www.aahernando.org

Let us know if you would like to share an announcement or future event for your group or meeting. Email us at:

Communique@aahernando.org

District 13 Treasury Report
Not Yet Approved

	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Jan - June 22</u>	Beginning Balance	<u>2785.33</u>		
				<u>June 22</u>		
A Desire/Friendship Group	0.00	0.00	Income		Savings	
AA Way of Life	0.00	0.00	Corrections Contributions	0.00	Beg Bal	1119.52
AlGood Grp	0.00	0.00	Group Contributions	0.00	Interest	0.01
Anonymous	0.00	25.00	Communique	<u>0.00</u>	End Balance	1119.53
Audio Big Book Group	0.00	0.00	Total Income	0.00		
BYOBB	0.00	0.00	Expenses			
Founders day	0.00	0.00	Archives Rent	0.00		
Fun & Frolic Group	0.00	20.00	Communique	789.05		
Happy Hour Grp	25.00	25.00	Copies	25.00		
Hernando Beach Group	50.00	0.00	Grapevine	195.85		
Hope Group	0.00	200.00	Service Charge	2.00		
Let Go Let God	25.00	75.00	Secretary Minutes	10.00		
Living Sober	0.00	0.00	Treatment	0.00		
Principles Before Personalities	0.00	20.00	Zoom	<u>14.99</u>		
Ridge Manor Big Book Group	0.00	0.00	Total Expenses	1,036.89		
Rough Road Group	0.00	0.00	Net Income	(1,036.89)		
Serendipity Sisters Group	0.00	0.00	Ending Balance	<u>1748.44</u>		
Singleness Of Purpose Gp	36.00	150.00	Corrections Beginning Bal	2375.79		
Spring Hill Group	100.00	100.00	Deposits:	June YTD		
Sunset Group	0.00	0.00	Hope Group	0.00 68.81		
The Steps we took	0.00	0.00	Intergroup	0.00 36.31		
There Is A Solution Group	35.00	160.00	Principles Before Personalities	0.00 40.00		
Thursday Night Welcome	0.00	0.00	Ridge Manor Big Book Group	0.00 38.63		
Tranquility Group	0.00	0.00	Rough Road Group	<u>0.00</u> <u>54.00</u>		
WISE Women	0.00	50.00	Total	0.00 237.75		
Womens Serenity Group	0.00	75.00				
	<u>271.00</u>	<u>900.00</u>				

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				<u>June 22</u>

**Corrections Volunteers
Needed**

If you are interested in volunteering at the Hernando County Corrections, please contact Debbie Q, or start the process online at www.hernandosheriff.org Contact Debbie @ (314) 607-4670 if needed and she can walk you through the process or send you step by step directions.

*District 13 Committee Member's Corner
Eleanor B.*

HELP WANTED

Your District 13 needs your help! There are several service positions that are available for anyone seeking good sobriety! Thank you to Richard C. for taking on the Accessibility Chair! We still need an Archivist, A Literature Chair, an Alternate DCM and a Treasurer. If you feel a calling for any of these positions, please call or email me. Thank you for your consideration!
In Service
Eleanor B
District 13 DCM

STEP EIGHT

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

We have a list of all persons we have harmed and to whom we are willing to make amends. We made it when we took inventory. We subjected ourselves to a drastic self-appraisal. Now we go out to our fellows and repair the damage done in the past. We attempt to sweep away the debris which has accumulated out of our effort to live on self-will and run the show ourselves. If we haven't the will to do this, we ask until it comes. Remember it was agreed at the beginning we would go to any lengths for victory over alcohol.

Step 8 is the beginning of making amends of healing the past with others. From the inventory of step 4, I have a good starting place for making a list of people that I have harmed. I look over my personal inventory and possibly reflect on my life again. I make a list of the people that I have harmed. I can write down thoughts beside each name about what the appropriate amends might be. I then go through the list and make sure I am willing in my heart to make the amends.

Step 8 is a social housecleaning, just as step 4 was our personal housecleaning. In step 8 we're setting out to clean up all the bruised relationships and the pockets of guilt, pain, resentment, and sadness that are stored inside, stuck to our shameful past deeds. For this – with material blocks us from loving other people, ourselves, and God in the present.

It's as if God were saying "Okay, now you want me to take all of your character defects, fine." Then you can be free and serene and the person I want you to be. But first you must see that almost all your troubles involve other people.

You've tried to control them one way or the other or fix them you have guilty or resentful feelings about them; or you have been so preoccupied with yourself and your feelings, dreams, and plans that you have ignored them emotionally and caused them to experience some of their worst fears of being deserted. Now I want you to face what you have done and own your part in hurting each person in your life so you can move into the future I have for you unencumbered by the past and beginning to understand how not to keep repeating the mistakes of that past.

AA Quotes August 2022

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less"

"Is your program powered by Will Power or High Power"?

"To the world you may be one person but to one person you may be the world"

"In God's economy, nothing is wasted. Through failure, we learn a lesson in humility which is probably needed, painful though it is."

TRADITION EIGHT

“Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.”

From the A.A. grapevine, inc., July 1948

Throughout the world AAs are Twelfth-Stepping with thousands of new prospects a month. Between one and two thousand of these sick on our first presentation; past experiences shows that most of the remainder will come back to us later on. Almost entirely unorganized and completely non-professional, this mighty spiritual current is now flowing from alcoholics who are well to those who are sick. One alcoholic talking to another; that's all.

Could this vast and vital face-to-face effort ever be professionalized or organized? Most emphatically, it could not. The few efforts to professionalized straight Twelfth Step work have always failed quickly. Today, no AA will tolerate the idea of paid “AA therapist” or “organizers.” Nor does any AA like to be told just how he must handle a new prospect of his. No, this great life-giving stream can never be dammed up by paid do-gooders or professionals. Alcoholics Anonymous is never going to cut its own lifelines. To a man, we are sure of that.

But what about those who serve us full time in other capacities – are cooks, care takers, and paid intergroup secretaries “AA professionals”? Because our thinking about these people is still unclear, we often feel and act as though they were such. The impression of professionalism subtly attaches to them, so we frequently hear they are “making money out of AA” or that they are professionalizing AA. Seemingly, if they do take our AA dollars they don't quite belong with us AAs anymore. We sometimes go further; we underpay them on the theory they ought to be glad to “cook” for AA cheap.

Now isn't this caring our fears of professionalism rather far? If these fears ever got too strong, none but the saint or an incompetent could work for Alcoholics Anonymous. Our supply of saints being quite small, we could certainly wind up with less competent workers than we need.

We are beginning to see that our few paid workers are performing only those service tasks that our volunteers cannot consistently handle. Primarily these folks are not doing Twelfth Step work. They are just making more and better Twelfth Step work possible. Secretaries at their desks are valuable points of contact, information, and public relations. That is why they are paid for, and nothing else. They help carry the good news of AA to the outside world and bring in prospects face to face with us. That's not “AA therapy”; it's just a lot of very necessary but often thankless work.

Let us also distinguish clearly between “organizing the AA movement” and setting up in a reasonably businesslike manner, few essential services of contact and propagation. Once we do that, all will be well. The million or so follow alcoholics who are still sick will then continue to get the break we sixty thousand AAs have already had.

Let's give our “service desks” the hand they so well deserve.

August Anniversaries

Groups:

Fun and Frolic – 25 years
Ladies Big Book – 17 years

Members:

A Desire

Jim K – 2 years
JP L – 1 year
Tim B – 10 years

All Good

Shannon H – 36 years
Jeff C – 11 years
John D – 35 years
Tom C – 37 years
Will P – 17 years

Aripeka

Craig – 14 years
Linda B – 42 Years
Wayne – 12 years

Brooksville Group

None Reported

Fun and Frolic

None Reported

Happy Hour

None Reported

Heavy Hitters

Lee J – 39 years
Brandy C – 15 years

Hernando Beach

Eric T – 25 years
Cindy G – 1 year
Bo L – 29 years

Hope Group

Sara P – 1 year
Carolyn W – 35 years
Eleanor B – 10 years
Tony G – 28 years

Ladies Big Book

None Reported

Let Go Let God

Elenor – 9 years

Lets Get Serious

None Reported

Life Goes On

None Reported

More Serenity Sisters

Sydney-Anne – 34 years
Donna – 27 years
Michelle – 21 years

Principles B4 Personalities

Peter O – 2 years
Linda S – 6 years
Shelly B – 2 years
Steve M – 1 year
Mike P – 23 years
Shannon G – 10 years
Charles M – 28 years
Will P – 17 years

Promises

Brian H – 8 years

Ridge Manor Big Book Group

Theresa H – 11 years
Alita H – 5 years
Al C – 24 years
Marsha L – 35 years
Gracie M – 16 years
Stephen O – 32 years

Rough Roads

Don G – 46 years

Spring Hill Monday Nite

None Reported

Serendipity Sisters

Shannon – 12 years

Serenity Sisters

None Reported

Singleness of Purpose

Lori S – 10 years

Step in the right direction

None Reported

StepSisters

Laura L – 10 years

Steps We Took

None Reported

Sunset Group

Amy D – 1 year
Michelle B – 13 years

There is a Solution

None Reported

Thursday Night Step

None Reported

Tranquility Group

Chris T – 7 years

Women's Serenity

Donna – 26 years
Laura L – 10 years

Young at heart

None Reported

Young Mens

None Reported

Congratulations to all of those celebrating! Have you ever considered sharing your story Let us know. We are always looking for stories to feature and we will come to you.

Send us Anniversary information for your group at www.aahernando.org Look for the "Submit Anniversaries" link at the top of the home page.