



# COMMUNIQUE



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**AA GRAPEVINE**  
The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

By Dave W. District 13

Grapevine Committee Chair

The AA Grapevine is the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). It shares the AA message with those interested in recovering from alcoholism. The Grapevine is known as a "meeting in print".

The AA Grapevine is a monthly magazine for members of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and others interested in recovery. It is also called the "International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous".

**Features:** First-person stories, AA news, new AA group reports, book reviews, magazine reprints, and contributions from non-AA members.

**Historical Background:** The inaugural issue was released in June 1944 by six members of Alcoholics Anonymous in New York. The magazine's history mirrors the growth of AA.

**How to get involved:** You can buy single copies at local AA meetings; You can subscribe to receive the magazine regularly; You can volunteer or be elected to become a Grapevine representative (GVR); You can contribute to the magazine; You can use the magazine in Twelfth Step work.

**Funding:** The AA Grapevine is funded by subscriptions and item sales.

**What is in the AA Grapevine?** First-person stories; Letters; Humor; Member art; Discussions of recovery, unity, and service; Sections on the medical, legal, and social aspects of alcoholism.

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**Who produces the AA Grapevine?** A team of AA members skilled in editing, writing, and art.

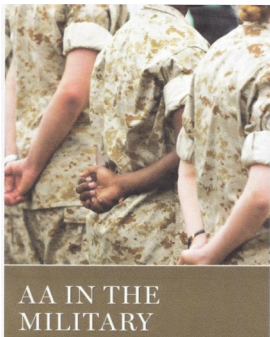
**How often is the AA Grapevine published?** A new edition is released each month.

**How did the AA Grapevine get its name?** The name was meant to imply clear communication.

**Interesting Facts:** Early AA groups adopted the AA Grapevine as the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1946. The General Service Conference reaffirmed this designation in 1986. Conference Advisory Action, 1986: "Since each issue of the Grapevine cannot go through the Conference-approval process, the Conference recognizes the Grapevine as the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous."

**Grapevine & LA Viñia Social media platforms:** - Facebook - Twitter - Instagram - YouTube

Who publishes the AA Grapevine? The AA Grapevine, Inc. AA Grapevine, Inc. publishes the International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous.



**AA in the Military** is a collection of stories, previously published in Grapevine, by members of Alcoholics Anonymous who have served in the military. The book starts with letters from World War II troops, highlighting Grapevine's role in helping American servicemembers stay sober and connected to AA. The following chapters share experiences, strength, and hope from men and women who served their country on land, sea, and air. These personal accounts illustrate the challenges alcoholics in uniform encounter, often under difficult circumstances, far from loved ones.

**(AA) in prison** AA Grapevine has published multiple stories and articles about Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) in prison, including: Free on the Inside: A collection of essays and letters from AA members who have experienced AA in prison The Need for Prison Groups: An article that asks why AA would be helpful in prison, given that prisoners can't drink alcohol.

I Found My God in Perryville Prison: An online exclusive article.

Finally Free: An article about Andrea, who got sober in jail and is now helping others.

AA Grapevine dedicates an issue each year to alcoholics in prisons and jails. You can read these stories and more if you have an active online subscription to AA Grapevine. Additional information about AA in prison: AA groups can form in correctional facilities based on cooperation between authorities and AA members The primary purpose of an AA group in prison is to carry the AA message to alcoholics who still suffer Getting and staying sober in prison can be difficult, but it is possible.

Within the bounds of friendliness and good taste, the Grapevine will enjoy perfect freedom of speech on all matters directly pertaining to Alcoholics Anonymous. ... The Grapevine aims to carry the AA message to alcoholics and practice AA principles in all its activities, similar to the Alcoholics Anonymous movement.



## March, Third Month – Third Step

I was introduced to the charming, attractive, vibrant young lady who also was a very good dancer and by God's intervention we hit it off.

I was soon to find out that she had five years as a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I was a drunk.

To continue the relationship she announced that she had to go to a meeting and suggested that maybe I too should also attend.

We entered the meeting held in the basement of a church and I quickly found the coffee and donuts and a group of chatting and laughing people. Surveying the room I noticed the two window shades hanging in the front of the room.

The meeting began with a prayer and various members reading from different books. The last reading was from the Fifth Chapter of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous, How It Works. As the reader reached the point where he began "Here are the steps we took", my friend poked me in the ribs and pointed to the window shade on the left. I began to read along and when I read Step Three I unknowingly had my first spiritual experience.

The words "the care of God, as we understood Him" struck a chord in my heart.

It was not the God of the church of my upbringing, the one that held the little old ladies in the first pew who said I was going to go to hell if I did not stop acting like a wild Tasmanian devil.

How right they were, my alcoholic drinking had given me a life of hell.

A few more meetings, a sponsor and the first step soon made me realize that I was an alcoholic and I soon made the confession at a meeting, my name is Mike and I am an alcoholic.

CELEBRATING  
A SOBER  
ST. PATRICK'S  
Day!

The young lady eventually became my wife when she announced that we were getting married. Until her death in 2020 we spent 27 sober years together enjoying a happy life but never forgetting the hell we had to go through to get there.

By Michael \_ e

Lunch Bunch

Mondays : 12 noon at St Andrews

## EVENT CALENDAR



**2025 A.A. International Convention in Vancouver, BC, Canada!**

**Registration** is now open. Vancouver will welcome AA members from around the world for the 2025 International Convention. This will mark the 90th anniversary of the beginning of our Fellowship's founding. The International Convention will take place from July 3 - 6, 2025, at the Vancouver Convention Centre and BC Place Stadium. You can find more information at the international convention website: [aa.org/international-convention](http://aa.org/international-convention)

### DISTRICT 13 MEETINGS

District 13 meets monthly at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 1214 South Broad St., Masaryktown Fl at 6:15 PM

Mon, 03 Mar, 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM

Mon, 07 Apr, 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM

Mon, 05 May, 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM

Mon, 02 Jun, 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM

Mon, 07 Jul, 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM

### WOMEN'S SPONSORSHIP WORKSHOP

Hosted by: Women into Action of Hernando County

Time: 4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Date: Sunday March 2, 2025

Come learn about the importance of AA sponsorship

- Panel Presentations
- Q&A Session

Refreshments and Snacks Provided

Location:

St. John's Episcopal Church

200 S. Brooksville Ave, Brooksville, FL 34601

### 2025 AREA 14 ASSEMBLY DATES

April 11-13 / July 18-20 / October 3-5

Area Assembly location: Orlando Marriott Lake Mary 1501 International Parkway Lake Mary, FL. 407-995-1100, 800-228- 9290 (toll free.) Check in 4:00 PM, check out 12:00 PM. See Area Assembly website for information:

[aanorthflorida.org/assembly\\_agenda.asp](http://aanorthflorida.org/assembly_agenda.asp)

### HERNANDO COUNTY INTERGROUP

Hernando County Intergroup meets monthly, typically the first Friday at Forest Oaks Lutheran Church 8555 Forest Oaks Blvd, Spring Hill Fl at 6:30 PM

Fri, 07 Mar, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Fri, Apr, 11 - 13 Area Assembly

Fri, 05 May, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Fri, 13 Jun, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

## EVENT CALENDAR continued

### UNITY MEETING SCHEDULE



March 8th	Heavy Hitters
April 12th	Serendipity Sisters
May 10th	Principles Before Personalities
June 14th	<OPEN>
July 12th	Wise Women & More Serenity Sisters
August 9th	<OPEN>
September 13th	Hernando Beach Group
October 11th	Singleness of Purpose
November	Gratitude
December	Intergroup

**A huge Thank You! to the above groups for stepping up.**

**We ask our other groups to please consider taking one of the open positions, either June or August and let;**

Deborah-Anne C. know at [unity@aahernando.org](mailto:unity@aahernando.org)

**Remember our AA Responsibility Statement**

### NFAC ASSEMBLY INFORMATION - Panel 75

Orlando Marriott Lake Mary  
(407) 995-1100  
(800) 228-9290 (toll free)  
1501 International Parkway  
Lake Mary, FL 32746

April Hotel Booking - Deadline is March 21  
July Hotel Booking - Deadline is June 27  
October Hotel Booking - Deadline is September 12

**AGENDAS ARE POSTED APPROXIMATELY 30 DAYS BEFORE EACH ASSEMBLY**

**Future Assembly Dates:  
2025**

**April 11-13 | July 18-20 | October 3-5  
2026**

**January 2-4**

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Doctor told my wife that she cannot touch anything alcoholic for the next three months.

Now I'm not allowed to go near her...

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A scientist walks into an AA meeting. "I've just invented a cure for alcoholism! Take one of these pills and you'll never be a problem drinker again!"

An attendee replies: "What happens if you take two?"

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Me: "I want to divorce my wife." Lawyer: "On what grounds?" Me: "She's out all night, every night, going from bar to bar." Lawyer: "Is she an alcoholic or do you think she might be cheating?"

Me: "No, she's looking for me."

**EVENT CALENDAR continued**

**Pre-Conference Workshop  
With Area 14 Delegate Lori P.**

Come share your voice with your Delegate Lori P. on upcoming Agenda Items at the 2025 General Service Conference.

**When:** Sunday, March 23, 2025 2:30 to 5:30pm

**Where:** Nativity Lutheran Church  
6363 Commercial Way, Spring Hill, FL  
34613

Snacks & Drinks will be provided.

Hosted by Districts 7A, 13 & 28,

Also: **Save the Date** for the **Post-Conference Workshop**  
to learn the results from the General Service Conference in the Delegates Report!!  
Saturday, May 17, 2025 9:00am to 12:00pm . Location TBA

**SPONSOR THE STORE**



We celebrate your sobriety and are grateful for contributions such as yours that help support the services our A. A. store/central office provides to members and groups throughout Hernando County.

Your contribution helps ensure that the A.A. message is available anytime for those who reach out for help.

Some members contribute \$1, \$2, or more for each year of sobriety; others may give a penny or nickel for each day of sobriety.

Whatever the amount, we thank you for your participation in A.A.'s Seventh Tradition of self-support

**Contributions can be mailed to;**

Office & Bookstore - Sponsor the Store  
4126 Lamson Ave.  
Spring Hill, FL 34608

## Hernando County Intergroup Treasurer's report Jan-25

Checking		Savings	
Beginning Balance	\$ 2,498.35	Beginning Balance	\$ 2,549.92
Total Withdrawals	\$ (2,243.27)	Total Withdrawals	\$ -
Total Deposits	\$ 1,382.53	Total Deposits	\$ 0.02
Ending Balance	\$ 1,637.61	Ending Balance	\$ 2,549.94

Expenses	
AAWS	\$ (251.20)
Amazon - Office Supplies	\$ (110.84)
Dollar General - Office supplies	\$ (3.20)
File 990 - IRS 2024	\$ (54.99)
Fla Dept Rev - Sales Tax 2024	\$ (608.52)
Go Daddy	\$ (23.17)
Hazelden	\$ (35.25)
Lamson Rent	\$ (680.00)
Spectrum	\$ (232.94)
Unity Rent	\$ (150.00)
Withalacoochee Electric	\$ (93.16)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (2,243.27)</b>

Donations	
All Good Group	\$ 100.00
Anonymous	\$ 102.81
Aripeka Group	\$ 12.01
Hernando Beach Group	\$ 100.00
Principles B4 Personalities	\$ 126.71
The Steps we Took	\$ 25.00
There is A solution	\$ 60.00
Women Into Action	\$ 15.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 541.53</b>

Other Income	
Accesibilities	\$ 10.00
Archives	\$ 50.00
Sales Cash/Checks	\$ 172.32
Sales Square CC	\$ 406.36
Square Fees	\$ (29.68)
Unity	\$ 232.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 841.00</b>

**Grand Total \$ 1,382.53**



## Founders Day committee Meeting Schedule

Meeting schedule of the Founders Day committee for the 2025 Founders Day dinner for the month of March. All meetings are at 6:00 PM on Thursday evenings at the Intergroup office, 4126 Lamson Avenue, Spring Hill:

March 6th

March 20th

The tentative date for the Founders Day celebration is June 7th. There is a lot of work that we could use help with, so come and join the fun! We could really use a treasurer and a secretary for this event, and we'll need help with decorations and food coordination. Hope to see you there!

District Treasurer's Report			January 2025			
District			Corrections		All	
Beginning Balance	<b>\$4,103.16</b>		Beginning Balance	<b>\$2,217.30</b>	Beginning Balance	<b>\$6,320.46</b>
Total Expenses	<b>-\$367.88</b>		Total Expenses	<b>\$0.00</b>	Total Expenses	<b>-\$367.88</b>
Total Deposits	<b>\$380.00</b>		Total Deposits	<b>\$23.00</b>	Total Deposits	<b>\$403.00</b>
Ending Balance	<b>\$4,115.28</b>		Ending Balance	<b>\$2,240.30</b>	Ending Balance	<b>\$6,355.58</b>
District Expenses		YTD	Corrections Expenses			
Archives	\$50.00	\$50.00	Total	<b>\$0.00</b>		
Area-DCM Room	\$266.60	\$266.60				
Checking Account	\$5.00	\$5.00				
December Unity	\$46.08	\$46.08				
Total	<b>\$367.68</b>	<b>\$367.68</b>				
District Donations		YTD	Corrections Donations			
Al Good	\$50.00	\$50.00	Hope Grp	\$23.00		
Sunset Grp	\$200.00	\$200.00	Total	<b>\$23.00</b>		
TIAS	\$60.00	\$60.00				
The Steps We Took	\$25.00	\$25.00				
Thursday Night Step	\$30.00	\$30.00				
Women Into Action	\$15.00	\$15.00				
Total	<b>\$380.00</b>	<b>\$380.00</b>				

## Random Thoughts

- \*We're sick people trying to get better, not bad people trying to be good.
- \*If God is your co-pilot, SWITCH SEATS!
- \*When I talk with a newcomer to AA, my past looks me straight in the face. . .
- \*A Sponsor is Someone Who Holds the Light While You Dig
- \*Nor can men and women of AA ever forget that only through suffering did they find enough humility to enter the portals of that new world. How privileged we are to understand so well the divine paradox that strength rises from weakness; that humiliation goes before resurrection; that pain is not only the price but the very touchstone of spiritual rebirth. (Bill W.)
- \*Rock bottom is good solid ground, and a dead end street is just a place to turn around.
- \*I have had more trouble with myself than with any other man I have ever met.
- \*First we work the program because we have to. Then we work the program because we are willing to. Finally we work the program because we want to.

## Responsibility Declaration

**"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."**



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Please send donations to the following:

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120 Dawson Ave  
Spring Hill, FL 34609

**(Checks payable to District 13)**

#### **Hernando Intergroup Office**

Cyd B. – Treasurer  
4126 Lamson Ave.  
Spring Hill, FL 34608

**(Checks payable to Hernando Intergroup)**

#### **NFAC Area 14 Panel 74 Treasurer**

PO Box 840066  
St Augustine, FL 32080  
[aanorthflorida.org](http://aanorthflorida.org)

**(Checks payable to NFAC)**

#### **General Service Board**

PO Box 2407  
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New York, NY 10116-2407

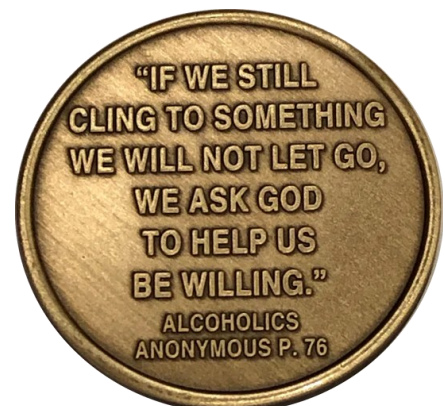
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## Hernando County

## Intergroup

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### INTERGROUP MEETING

**First Friday**

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, Mar 7<sup>th</sup>

Forest Oaks Lutheran Church

8555 Forest Oaks Blvd.

## 3rd Step Prayer

God, I offer myself to Thee-  
to build with me and to do  
with me as Thou wilt.

Relieve me of the bondage of  
self, that I may better do Thy  
will. Take away my difficulties,  
that victory over them may  
bear witness to those I would  
help of Thy power, Thy love,  
and Thy Way of life. May I do  
Thy will always!

### *Tradition Three*

*Our membership ought to include all who  
suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may  
refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought  
A.A. membership ever depend upon money  
or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics  
gathered together for sobriety may call  
themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as  
a group, they have no other affiliation.*

*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions,  
The long form, page 189*

**I can't do God's Will**

**my way**

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365 DAYS a year  
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**VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
aahernando.org**

*for all your event info and meeting  
schedules when you are on the go. If  
you have any changes or event  
information to add please email  
webmaster@aahernando.org*

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

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

### A Desire Group

Jack C. - 6

Pete H. - 10

Steve S. - 2

### All Good Group

Tom M. - 39

Jim S. - 43

### Heavy Hitters

Gary S. - 20

Nikki L. - 4

Robin W. - 10

Joey N. - 2

Elaine A. - 3

Liz S. - 3

Carl L. - 7

Wayne S. - 7

Shelly D. - 1

### Hernando Beach

John D. - 36

### Hope Group

George H. - 48

John S. - 7

Lisa B. - 8

### Ladies Big Book

Angela R. - 8

### Let Go & Let God

John D. - 36

### Let's Get Serious

Tracy R. - 25

### Life Goes On

Rosan - 30

### Principles B4 Personalities

Scott S. - 15

Eric L. - 30

Bill S. - 14

Don C. - 4

Jim S. - 43

John P. - 8

Terry M. - 12

### Ridge Manor

Denise W. - 5

Rick K. - 1

Kathy H. - 51

### Rough Roads

Charlie W. - 6

Chuck S. - 51

John W. - 48

Pat H. - 50

Scott S. - 28

### Spring Hill Monday Night

James O. - 4

### Serendipity Sisters

Eileen B. - 15

Sherrill A. - 23

### Serenity Sisters

Carole M. - 24

Joanne H. - 28

### Singleness of Purpose

Jessica H. - 2

Jim B. - 3

### Step Sisters

Kim S. - 1

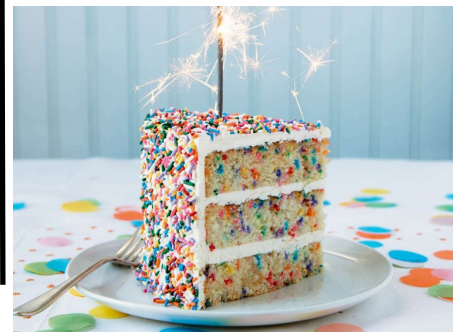
Dianne B. - 44

### Tranquility Group

Howard B. - 16

### Young Men's

Andy B. - 19



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