

Intergroup News

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Take The Next Step

My name is Lynn and I am an Alcoholic. I have decided that AA is and will always be a daily part of my life. Staying sober is my number one purpose, because then I can help others. When I started working my AA program with my higher power at my side -- I quit drinking, I got a sponsor, I read the big book and I went to meetings. With the advice of my sponsor, I committed to a home group right away. It was there in the rooms where I became familiar with the Group process, by regular attendance and participating in the business meetings. Reading and most importantly "seeing" how this program of recovery was working in my own life and others, I was ready to take the next step to learn more.

I asked questions and gathered information about becoming a General Service Representative (GSR) The AA Service Manual, which can be obtained at our Central Office, contains very specific guidance. In Chapter Two it explains in detail what the GSR duties are. I volunteered and was voted in as our GSR. I had the desire to learn more about the bigger picture and the Service Structure of AA on the next level. I began to learn and understand the whole process. I felt no pressure but, in fact, felt the benefits and joy of learning.

I continue to be in awe of how this simple program works. I attended the district GSR meetings that are held once a month at Central Office and then understood the importance of sharing my home group concerns and gathering information to take back to my home group meetings.

As part of the duties I attended Area Assembly in Alabama for the first time. Jerri S. and Suzie B. took me under their wings and walked me through the whole weekend and for that I am grateful. I found everyone was so helpful, and by the second Area Assembly (area assemblies are held every three months) I was participating and really taking full advantage of all that was being offered.

There are nine different Committee Meetings: Archives, CPC,

Grapevine, Treatment/Accessibilities, Structures & Procedures, Correctional Facilities, Intergroup/Central Offices, Literature, Public Information and Website. So much information in one place! I can't emphasize enough the vast amount of experience in all areas of the AA program that was gathered there and so freely shared.

Generally speaking, GSRs, District Committee Members (DCMs), area officers and committee members have one vote each in the Assembly and in our "Area 1" we have 24 Districts represented. Any AA member may attend the Area Assembly (but unless qualified may not have a vote). Attendance is encouraged in hope each will become active in general service.

I am humbled and grateful for the opportunity to serve. My enthusiasm is over the top!

"TAKE THE NEXT STEP"

I would love to share my experiences with you personally, feel free to call me anytime.

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March Funnies



Grapevine Magazine August 1962



"Do we have to keep doing these 12 steps over and over again?" —Jerry M., Albuquerque, N.M.

Grapevine Magazine Cartoon Winner May 2018
Jerry M. Albuquerque, NM

Monthly Meetings and Upcoming Events

Intergroup Meeting

3rd Monday of the month 6:30 pm
24 Hollywood Blvd. Ste 3, FWB

Intergroup Breakfast

1st Sunday of the month
9:30 Fellowship 11:00 Speaker
Amvets Post 78, 910 Valastics Ave., Valparaiso

District 14 Corrections Meeting

1st Saturday of the month 9:30 am
24 Hollywood Blvd. Ste 3, FWB

District 14 Treatment Meeting

2nd Saturday of the month 10:30 am
24 Hollywood Blvd. Ste 3, FWB

District 14 GSR Meeting

1st Monday of the month 6:30 pm
24 Hollywood Blvd. Ste 3, FWB

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Sunshine Convention

May 17-19, 2019
DeFuniak Springs, Florida
Sunshineconvention2@gmail.com

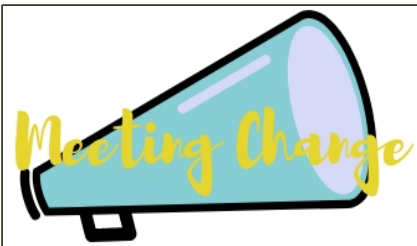
Country Roundup

April 26-28, 2019
Chipley, Florida
Chipley_countryroundup@hotmail.com



<u>MIRACLE GROUP</u>	<u>MOSSY HEAD COMMUNITY GROUP</u>	<u>SPARKLE GROUP</u>
Elizabeth S. 12 years	Russ B. 34 years	Shirley M. 1 year
Todd A. 10 years	Group Anniversary 21 years	

Please send us your group member's birthdays by the 15th of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter.



The Miracle Group now has a new location! You can find them Tuesday nights at 8pm at St. Mary Life Center Cafeteria located at 165 Coral Drive SW, FWB 32548

We want to hear from you!

If you would like to be featured in our newsletter please send your articles, jokes, birthdays, and announcements to infoandnews@centurylink.net

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HOSTED BY

*MIRACLE GROUP &
SPARKLE GROUP*

FELLOWSHIP

RAFFLE

SATURDAY 30 MARCH 2019

1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

134 SW BEAL PKWY. FWB

5:00 PM --- FELLOWSHIP

5:30 PM ---EATING

6:00 PM ---- AL-ANON Speaker: TBD

FUN

7:15 PM --- A.A. Speaker

FOOD

MARK V. (P-COLA)

Pulled pork will be our main dish.

Please bring a covered dish to share.

Intergroup Breakfast

1st Sunday of every month

9:30AM - Fellowship Breakfast

11:00AM - Speaker Meeting

Amvets Post 78
910 Valastics Ave.
Valparaiso, FL

Become a star member of

DISTRICT 14 PI/CPC COMMITTEE

*Public Information/Cooperation with
Professionals Community*

To distribute AA literature to designated locations
Participate in raising awareness to Public
Holding AA awareness panels when requested

*First Meeting to be announced
soon! Please email Lisa N.-
committee chair.*

lisamn63@gmail.com
573-356-3010

Country Round-Up

(24th Annual)
"Thy Power, Thy Love, and Thy Way of Life."

April 26th, 27th, 28th 2019

For more information call: 334-372-7979; 850-769-1929
E-mail: chipleys_countryroundup@hotmail.com Mail: PO Box 677, Chipley, FL 32428

Ag Center 1424 Jackson Avenue (Hwy 90) Chipley, FL
Registration \$20.00 per person (By Fri. 4/19/19) **Saturday evening meal is included in registration**
Children 12 and under \$5.00

Friday, April 26th ----- Registration Opens at 12 noon Friday

4:00 pm Open Discussion Meeting
6:30 - 7:30 pm. *"Pickin' & Grinnin'"*
8:00 pm. Speaker TBA
Saturday, April 27th

6:00 am. Ag center opens
7:00 am. Early Bird OD Meeting on Bleachers
9:00 am. Speaker TBA
10:30 am. Old Timers Panel ~ Theme TBA
1:00 pm. Workshop ~ Topic TBA
2:30 pm. Al-Anon ~ Speaker TBA
4:00 pm. *"Pickin' & Grinnin'"*
5:30 Meal
6:30 Raffle
8:00 pm Speaker TBA
5/50 to follow speaker
Sunday, April 28th

6:00 am. Ag center opens
7:00 am. Early Bird OD Meeting on Bleachers
9:00 am. Speaker TBA

Speakers:

Lyle P. AA of Stockbridge, GA
Lisa W. AA of Pensacola, FL
Joan P. Alanon of Ft. Walton Beach, FL
Holly D. AA of Jacksonville, FL
Bob B. AA of Albany, GA

* Super 8 * * Days Inn *
@850-638-8530 @850-415-6484

Early Reservations Required.
Mention Country-Round-Up
For special rate

**Schedule subject to changes

**"Pickin' & Grinnin'" - Throughout the weekend ya'll come join in.
Bring your noise makers to join in.**

Donations of snacks and **baked goods would be greatly appreciated.

Registration Badges are required for entry to all functions. Ag Center closes at 11:00pm Fri and Saturday evenings.

Name: _____ Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
Badge to Read: _____ AA: _____ Al-Anon: _____ Alateen: _____

Make checks payable to & mail Registration form to: Country Round-up, PO Box 677, Chipley, FL 32428

9th, Annual **Sunshine Convention** ALL MEALS PROVIDED

"Three Pertinent Ideas"

Friday, May 17 to Sunday, May 19, 2019

Defuniak Springs Civic Center - 361 North 10th, Street, Defuniak Spgs., FL. 32435

Featuring Wonderful AA and Al-Anon Speakers

Friday:==	4:00 p.m. AA TEXT BOOK 6:00 p.m. LINDA J. AFG of Santa Rosa Beach, FL.. 8:00 p.m. JOHN V. AA of Dothan, AL..
Saturday:==	10:00 a.m. JILL W. AA of Jacksonville, FL.. 1:00 p.m. SPEAKERS PANEL 3:00 p.m. MARY BETH S. AFG of Crestview, FL. 6:00 p.m. DAVE P. AA of Jacksonville, FL. 8:00 p.m. POLLY P. AA of Jacksonville, FL.
Sunday:==	10:00 a.m. CLINT J. AA of Santa Rosa Beach, FL..

VOICE:- CHRIS R. RECORDER: JILL & JERRY WILLS "Seating limited"

Hotel: Econo Lodge (850-520-4691)
90 Business Park Rd., DFS, FL. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT SUZIE B. (850-758-1321)
OR GO TO Sunshineconvention2@gmail.com

Mail Registration with CHECK or MONEY ORDER TO:-
SUNSHINE CONVENTION, P.O. BOX 456, DEFUNIACK SPRINGS, FL. 32435

NAME _____ AA _____ AL-ANON _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ E-Mail _____
Name on Badge _____ AA _____ AL-ANON _____

"Pre-Registration till May 10, 2019 @ \$30.00"
Registrations after and at the door @ \$35.00 DONATION \$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

February Intergroup Committee Minutes

In Attendance:

Judy C. Office Coordinator	Deborah K. Mossyhead Community Group
Wes P. Chairman	AAaron M. Care Group
Jimmy Mc. Weekenders	Krista H. But 4 Grace Group
Bob Mc. C DCM	Carolyn M. Busters
Bob G. Treasurer	Scott C. Book Fund Chairman
Lisa N. P.I./C.P.C.	Diana C. Rule 62 Group
Robin D. Rise & Shine	Johnnie C. Secretary
Lori G. Friday Night Ladies Group	

Tradition 2: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate Authority; a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern.

Tradition 9: AA ,as such, ought never. be organized, but we may create service boards and committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, Traditions 2 & 9.

Treasurer report given by Bob and accepted.

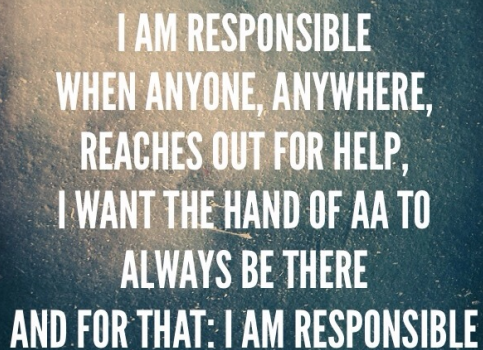
Book Fund report given by Scott and accepted.

Office Coordinator report given by Judy. Sunday shifts at office need to be filled. Next Alkathon March 30th hosted by Miracle Group & Sparkle Group

DCM Bob Mc C. requested a donation of 20 dollars per group for the Treatment Committee to purchase Big Books. There was a long discussion that followed about buying non AAWS approved books at a lower price for giveaways to treatment facilities, corrections, etc. Scott pointed out that this took funds badly needed by AA. It was agreed to use the AA 'pocket' books, which are available from AAWS.

Group reports given by all present and the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted. Johnnie C.



**I AM RESPONSIBLE
WHEN ANYONE, ANYWHERE,
REACHES OUT FOR HELP,
I WANT THE HAND OF AA TO
ALWAYS BE THERE
AND FOR THAT: I AM RESPONSIBLE**

We are currently looking for more volunteers to fill service positions and to assist with answering the AA Hotline at Central Office.

If you are interested in being of service, please contact us at (850) 244-2421 or centraloff@centurylink.net for more details.