

INTERGROUP NEWS

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The Family Afterward

Year 2011 I was at my worst with my alcoholism and addiction. At that time my son was 12 and my was daughter 7. My father got really sick around October 2011 and I didn't know how to deal with him dying besides drinking and using. December 2011 My husband and I decided that I needed to go to rehab! I wanted to for me . We sat our kids down and told them I had a problem with drugs and alcohol and that I needed to go away for a while to get better.

After coming out of rehab, I decided I wanted to be open and honest about my addiction with my kids and husband. I had family members with alcoholism and drug addiction and no one would ever talk about it. I wanted to change that! I wanted to show my kids that if you are struggling and need help that it is ok to ask and to get help if needed.

Being open with my family has added another layer of accountability. When I relapsed, I told my husband and children right away. I knew that didn't want to go back to that life style. Telling

them helps me stay accountable and also teaches my children that we can make mistakes, be honest, and to get back up and start over.

Here in 2019 my children are aware of alcoholism and addiction and how it can run in the family. My open dialogue with my family children it has allowed them to share their experiences as well. It has also given them opportunities to share with peers and create a comfortable space for their friends to open up about their families' similar struggles. I am grateful that children know where to go or where to refer people if they decide to get sober.

Finally, I think my openness allows others to see that recovery is possible.

"Showing others who suffer how we were given help is the very thing that makes like seem so worth while to us now. Cling to the thought that, in God's hands, the dark past is the greatest possession you have- the key to life and happiness for others. With is you can advert death and misery for them" – Alcoholics Anonymous page 124

Angela R.



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January Birthdays

The Care Group

Amanda B. 5 years

Allan R. 29 years

The Men's Group

Tom R. 2 years

The Friday Nite Serenity Group

Gigi 3 years

The Weekenders

Jimmy M. 33 years

Clif W. 34 years



*Please email us with your group birthdays at aaintergroupfwb@gmail.com by the 20th of the each month.

Monthly Events and Meetings

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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Gulf Coast Roundup

February 8-10, 2019
The Island Hotel, Okaloosa Island, Florida
www.gulfcoastroundup.com

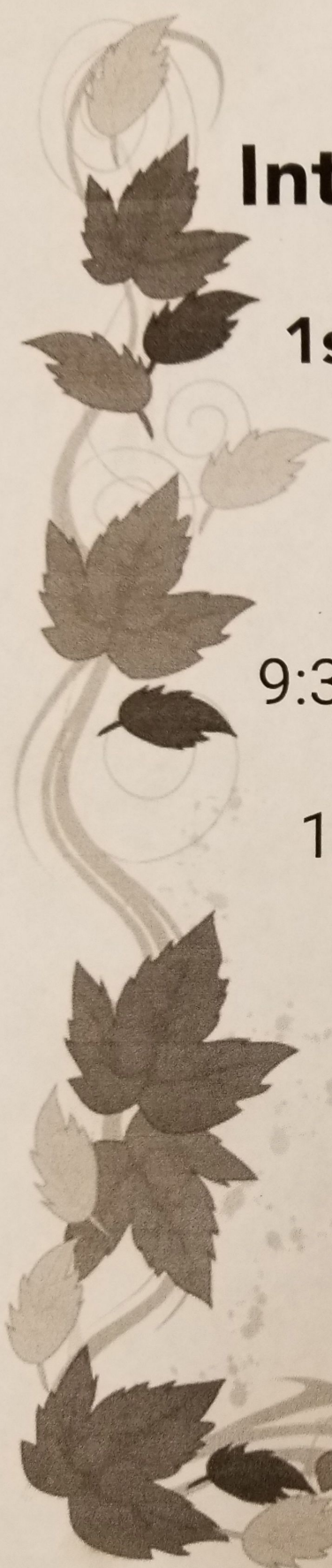
Country Roundup

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

Sunshine Convention

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

Fliers for upcoming events are available at Central Office and www.fortwaltonbeachaa.org



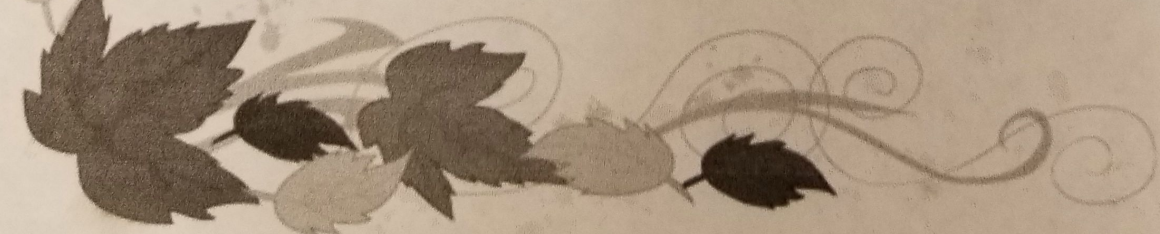
Intergroup Breakfast

1st Sunday of every month

9:30AM - Fellowship Breakfast

11:00AM - Speaker Meeting

Amvets Post 78
910 Valastics Ave.
Valparaiso, FL



SERVICE OPPORTUNITY AT THE OKALOOSA COUNTY JAIL



HOT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT:

Need a few good men & women to carry the message to the Okaloosa County Jail. A Volunteer Orientation is tentatively scheduled for: **Sat 2 Feb 19 0830 – 1130 AM.**

All attendees must be preapproved to attend.

Must apply before 18 Jan 19. Send a copy of your driver's license to Vince Mayfield vmax44@live.com with your phone number and email address or it text to Vince at **850-598-6417. The driver's license is used for security check. Applicants must be 1 year sobriety or 6 months with the blessing of your sponsor. For more info call or text Vince M at the cell or email above.**

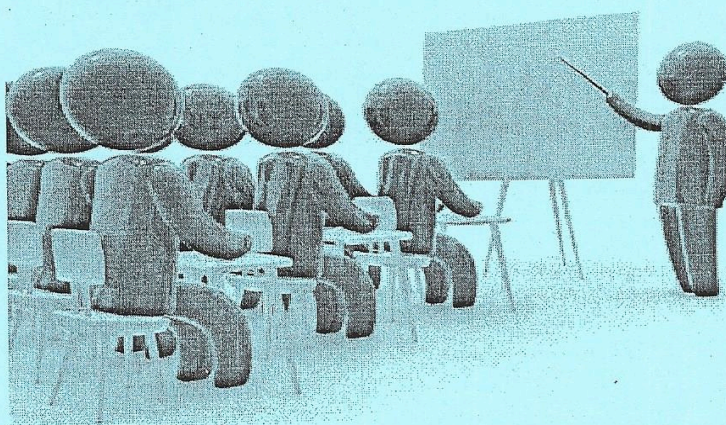
AA District 14
Treatment Committee Workshop
1:00 PM, Saturday
January 19, 2019

Special Guest Speaker: Rick E.

Area 1 Treatment Committee Chair

Location: Central Office

24 Hollywood SW, Ste 3, Fort Walton Beach, Florida



If you are carrying an AA message of recovery into a facility or interested in carrying an AA message in facilities? Please join us at District 14 Central Office at the address listed above. If you have any questions please call Jerome ~~XXXX~~ (850) 855-1040, John ~~XXXX~~ (850) 533-0855, or Lynn ~~XXXX~~ (850) 797-7076.



48TH GULF COAST ROUNDUP

February 8, 9, and 10, 2019



On the Gulf Coast of Okaloosa Island at **"The Island"** (formerly Ramada Plaza Beach Resort)
 1500 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE (Hwy 98E.), Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548, 850-243-9161 or 1-800-874-8962
Hotel reservations must be made by Jan 7th to ensure these rates, and please state Gulf Coast Roundup.
 Standard \$69/night Courtyard \$79/night Poolside \$99/night Gulf Front \$109/night (**"Yes..it's only \$109..!!"**)

Our website for updates: www.GulfCoastRoundup.com Send questions to ChipBowdren54@gmail.com
or Text them to 850-865-1660

Scheduled speakers:

4:30 Fri: Mike K. (AA) Destin, FL
 8:00 Fri: Patty K (AlAnon) Cypress, TX
 Right after our Speaker.."Movie Nite w/ Popcorn"
 10:00 Sat: Tim E. (AA) Dothan, AL
 2:00 Sat: Workshop: "to be announced"
 4:00 Sat: Cathy B. (AA) Penrose, NC
 8:00 Sat: Tom M. (AA) Waynesville, NC
 9:40 Sat: **Terry Stokes..the Amazing Hypnotist....!!**
 9:30 Sun: Mike B. (AA) Penrose, NC

VOICE: John Van E. (Montgomery, AL)

**SATURDAY NITE SPECIAL SHOW FROM
 TERRY STOKES...THE HYPNOTIST....!!**

You are invited to spend the weekend on the beach with us to enjoy the fellowship our roundup provides. Meeting Room holds 350 people on the 6th Floor of the **"The Island Resort."** This spectacular view also has the famous and very large hospitality area with plenty of tables and chairs, Food Items, snacks, coffee, and soft drinks, to accommodate fellowship between events. The beautiful Gulf Beach on the South...with the Choctawhatchee Bay to the North will be the backdrop for this wonderful conference....!! Enjoy Heated Swimming Pool and Exercise facility...(and yes...we have requested our famous Dolphins to appear again..!!)

Recording of the entire conference by Jerry and Jill W. of MasterCopy Tapes, Inc

\$25 registration fee per person includes admission to all meetings and events. Alateens admission is free.

PRE-REGISTRATION Payments by PayPal (go to website) or mail check...OR at the door with cash or check

Register at www.GulfCoastRoundup.com or use form below

Gulf Coast Roundup – February 8-10, 2019 – Registration

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name(s) on Badge(s) _____

Make checks payable to: Gulf Coast Roundup

Mail to: **Martin Maitlin, 1 Brighton CT NE, FWB, FL 32547**



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: chipley_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)

\$25.00 at the door

Children 12 and under \$5.00

**Saturday evening meal
is included in
registration**

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

50/50 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 *

@850-638-8530

* Days Inn *

@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.

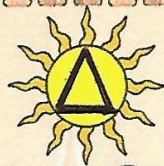
Registration Badges are required for entry to all functions. Ag Center closes at 11:00pm Fri and Saturday evenings.

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

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

Would you like to
include funds for a
sponsorship registration?
Yes
☐
Sponsorship
Registrations are
included

9th, Annual



ALL MEALS PROVIDED

Sunshine Convention

GREAT FELLOWSHIP

"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 A.A. 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

SATURDAY DINNER "FISH FRY"
BY LARRY B.

"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, DEFUNIAK 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 \$ _____

December Intergroup Committee Minutes

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 or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

In Attendance: Wes P. Chairman
Johnnie C. Secretary
Dianna C. Rule 62 Group
Bob McC. DCM
Jill R. Care Group

Bob G. Treasurer
Scott C. Book Fund Chair/Young at Heart Group
Chris R. Mossyhead Community Group
Judy C. Office Coordinator
Dave R. Second Chance Group

- Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer, Tradition 2, Tradition 9.
- November minutes read and accepted.
- Book Fund report given by Scott and accepted.
- Treasurer report given by Bob G. and accepted.
- New Grapevine books proposal was tabled.
- Meeting-in-a-pocket pamphlet still being worked on.
- Fundraiser for Panama City groups was cancelled by their central office due to a lack of need.
- Mac has volunteered to clean office windows at no charge.
- Copy machine cost was discussed; it was decided to continue with the service contract.
- Judy brought up cost of colored paper for schedules; after current batch is used up, only white paper will be used.
- Wes asked Bob about landlord N.B.I. stating we had to pay taxes. Will be looked into by Wes.
- Bob McC. brought up shortage of volunteers for 12 step list. Asked that the matter be announced at meetings. Lack of service work participation in general was discussed....
- District 14 Committee needs a Treasurer. Bob asked that his phone# be given to anyone interested.
- Dave R. stated that the Second Chance Group has been deleted from the schedule. Judy is going to add it back.

Respectfully Submitted, Johnnie C.



We want to hear from you!

If you would like to be
featured in our newsletter
please send your submissions to
aaintergroupfwb@gmail.com

Content submitted may be edited

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