



December  
2023

## Area 1 District 14 Newsletter

### 12th Step

Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

### 12th Concept

The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

### 12th Step Prayer

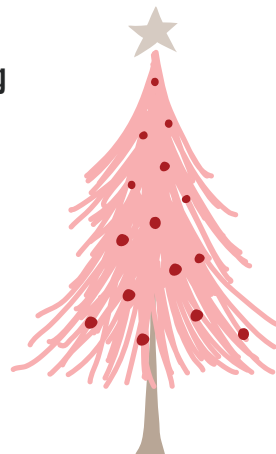
Dear God, Having had a spiritual experience, I must now remember that "faith without works is dead." And PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. So, God, please help me to carry this message to other alcoholics! Provide me with the guidance and wisdom to talk with another alcoholic because I can help when no one else can. Help me secure his confidence and remember he is ill.

### 12th Tradition

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

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# SERVICE

A helpful act; contribution to the welfare of others; useful labor that does not produce a tangible commodity.



JUST SHOW UP!

READER

GREETER

COFFEE

CHAIR

SPONSORSHIP

SHARER

SPEAKER

Treatment Committee  
Facility Chair and Co-Chair Rotation Elections  
6 month Commitment- Jan thru June 2024

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Recovery Center

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Archives

CPC

Corrections

Grapevine

Literature

Treatment/Accessibilities

Next District Meeting:  
1st Monday of the month  
@6:30 PM  
Central Office  
and on Zoom  
www.zoom.us  
ID: 8217 546 8660  
Password: district



Next Intergroup Meeting:  
3rd Monday of the month  
@ 6:30 PM  
Central Office  
and on Zoom  
www.zoom.us  
ID: 854 8645 8921  
Password: service



## Letter From The Editor

This month I would like to lend this space to the Past ODAAT Editor; Terry S. Who's service to AA has been an inspiration to myself and so many others. Here are his words from an article that was printed in the Dec 2022 Grapevine. I hope that it brings inspiration and joy to all who read it. Thank you Terry for your contribution of the experience, strength and hope that has kept you sober.

Thank you for my sobriety,

Jennifer B cell: 850-240-9916

"TRUST GOD, CLEAN HOUSE, HELP OTHERS"

"Holidays on the Road"

AS I THINK about this Christmas, alone and on the road, I'm especially grateful for my AA family in every corner of the world. Between my past drinking and my somewhat unconventional career, I can't remember the last holiday season I spent at home. I've been performing in some far-off place, or enroute to the next gig. I often wake up a little lonely on the road, thinking of family and loved ones miles away. Now that I'm sober, I just go to the local sober clubhouse when I'm a little down and missing those I love. There's usually someone standing by the door ready to shake my hand and say, "Welcome home!" As I walk inside the meeting, I often see a spread of festive food that would put a grandma to shame. I look around and hear all the laughs and see smiles and know that I'm exactly where I'm supposed to be. My AA family always welcomes me like I'm their long-lost son. Soon the darkness I woke up with is replaced with AA love. As I enjoy the fellowship—the coffee not too good—the holiday miracle happens as I look toward the door. I can see a new man walk in...shaking..scared.. confused. That AA voice inside my head pulls me out of my chair, and I walk over and hear myself as I extend my hand and say, "Hello, my friend, welcome home." I feel the emptiness leaving me as we talk. I hear his story and I feel peace. I'm on the road again this Christmas, with AA in my heart.

TERRY S.

Fort Walton Beach



TO SUBMIT ARTICLES, STORIES, BIRTHDAYS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC..

EMAIL : DISTRICT14ODAAT@GMAIL.COM

PLEASE SUBMIT ON THE 15TH OF THE MONTH

The ONE DAY AT A TIME is the local newsletter published by the Area 1 District 14 Central Office of Alcoholics Anonymous. The monthly publication provides current information about meetings, upcoming AA related events, and articles of interest submitted by local members. It also includes a monthly financial report of contributions by the AA groups in District 14 and the business minutes from the Intergroup Meeting held the 3rd Monday of every month.

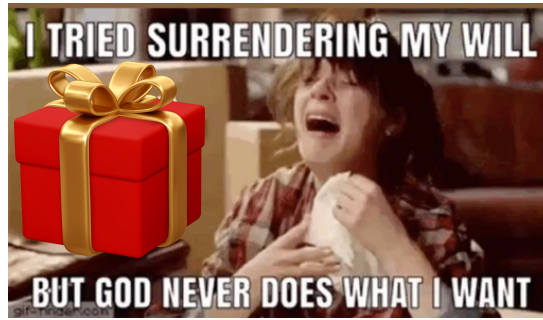
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"Carrying the Message is the basic service that our fellowship gives, this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore A.A. is more than a set of principles, it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die. Hence an A.A. service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer - ranging all the way from the 12 Step itself to a 10 cent cup of coffee and to A.A.'s General Service Office for National and International action. The sum total of all the services is our Third Legacy of service."

Bill W. - A.A.'s Legacy of Service

# Laughing Out Loud



NO  
NO  
NO

HAHAHA



Heard in a meeting.....



When your sponsor sees through your bullshit



WE HAVE GOOD NEWS, AND WE HAVE BAD NEWS.

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE STEPS ARE ONLY SUGGESTIONS.

THE BAD NEWS IS THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS.

Don't pray until God hears you, pray until you hear God.

Wait. Are you having a bad day, or did you have a bad five minutes and you've been gnawing on it all day?



F.E.A.R.  
False  
Evidence  
Appearing  
Real

It's not into thinking or into feeling, it's Into Action.

H.O.P.E.  
Hear  
Other  
People's  
Experiences

# From the Desk of District 14 Intergroup Chair: Linda W and Co-Chair: Paul B

Intergroup Report for December 2023

Our Intergroup picnic on 10/28/23 11:00am-3:00pm Clement Taylor Park, Destin FL, if you were not there you missed an enjoyable time. We had sixty people there and we all enjoyed the fellowship, speaker, games, kids, tasty food, side dishes and desserts. We had help Rick and Dawn with games and prizes for the children two AA Members helped and they brought candy, bubbles and two picadas to hit with a stick they had so much fun. The snow cones were a success, cotton candy and popcorn – my co-chair Paul B and his wife did a wonderful job making sure they were helping the children and adults enjoy the treats. Thanks to our two cooks (Steve T and Helper) that made sure we had hotdogs and hamburgers ready to eat. The speaker Mike R told his story and as well as talked about service in Birmingham, AL and what it is like to be the Area 1 Intergroup liaison, a group donated a basket to our speaker – great job he appreciated the gift will the GSR stand up for your group now. I appreciated Terry S getting the hotel rate down a little and brought his equipment, so we had a mike and music during the event. We appreciated all the Officers, Committee Chairs, Intergroup Reps, Trusted Servants that were there as well as AA members and families that helped with set up and break down. We had leftovers and people took home with them and meetings that were after the picnic, so it went to beneficial use. Everything we did with the picnic was voted on by Officers, Committee Chairs', and intergroup reps.



Open Shifts is Friday 4:00pm-7:00pm, Sunday 12:00pm-4:00pm and 4:00pm-7:00pm, if anyone is interested give us a call and we will get you trained to start working one of these shifts. We are trying to get the Central office covered 7 days a week 8:00am – 7:00pm.

We could use some more suggestions from your group for the excess money, please bring this up at the next business so you have a voice and vote for your home group, this is very important for your group to be informed on what is going on with your intergroup and how we are spending the money that the groups help to contribute. If you do not have an intergroup Representative, please elect one at your next business meeting, so they can attend the December meeting.

Intergroup will be hosting the September 2024 Breakfast meeting to understand what is intergroup and the positions available to be of service for your intergroup for Oct. 21, 2024, election meeting who will be of service for the next 2 years starting Jan. 2025 we need to make sure we are open, and it will help with your sobriety journey.

Once again thanks for all the help given to run the central office smoothly and allowing all of us to be of service in District 14.

Thanks for the honor to being of service- Linda Chair (850-582-7704) and Paul Co- Chair (850-840-0416)



## Central Office Open and Closed Schedule

**Monday – 8:00am – 7:00pm**

**Tuesday – 8:00am – 7:00pm**

**Wednesday – 8:00am – 7:00pm**

**Thursday – 8:00am – 7:00pm**

**Friday – 8:00am – 4:00pm**

**Saturday – 8:00am – 4:00pm**

**Sunday – Closed**

# From the Desk of Dawn O- District 14 DCM

Greetings District 14! Here is December's District News.

Reminder: December's District Meeting of our GSR's will be held Monday, **December 4, 2023**, at 6:30 PM at the District 14 Intergroup Office, 24 Hollywood Blvd, Fort Walton Beach, FL. If you can't be there in person, join us virtually on Zoom ID: 821 7546 8660, PW: district. Please note that our next meeting will be **Monday, January 8, 2024, not the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, which is New Year's Day this year.**

Don't miss the Service Workshop hosted by District 14 at the Intergroup Breakfast on Sunday, **December 3, 2023**. Come & meet Brad A., Alt. DCM; Scott C., Secretary; Lisa F., Treasurer, and me as we share our experience, strength, and hope from our journeys through AA's Third Legacy of Service. Hope to see you at breakfast at 9:30 AM and at the Service Workshop at 10:30 AM at the AMvets Post 78, 910 Valastics Ave., Valparaiso, FL.

**EXCITING NEWS!!!** District 14 will be hosting the next Area 1 Convention right here on the Emerald Coast. The convention will be held on November 1-3, 2024, at the Destin-Fort Walton Beach Convention Center, 1250 Miracle Strip Pkwy, SE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548. Mark your calendars and get ready for a fabulous weekend of Fun and Fellowship! There will be plenty of opportunities for service as well as the chance to meet your fellows from all over Area 1!

Check out the **Area 1 Literature Committee** Monthly Workshop. This month is a Pamphlet Workshop "A.A. Literature History: The 12 and 12" presented by Jim W. Tuesday, **December 26, 2023**, at 7:00 PM Zoom ID: 629 006 1411, PW:1935.

This month's literature feature: [The AA Grapevine](https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/1989/dec/12-tips-sober-holidays), December 1989,  
<https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/1989/dec/12-tips-sober-holidays>

12 Tips for Sober Holidays

**BY: ADAPTED FROM BOX 4-5-9**

1. Line up extra AA activities (help on the phones, speak, empty the ashtrays).
2. Be host to friends, especially newcomers, at home or at a coffee shop.
3. Keep your AA telephone list with you at all times.
4. Find out about holiday meetings or celebrations in your local groups.
5. Skip any drinking occasions you're nervous about.
6. If there's one you can't skip, take an AA friend--or keep candy handy.
7. Don't think you have to stay late (plan an "important date" in advance).
8. Go to church. Any church. And don't forget about extra meetings.
9. Don't sit around brooding; catch up on reading, museums, walks, letters.
10. Don't project about holiday temptations: remember "One day at a time."
11. Even if you cannot give material gifts, enjoy the beauty of holiday love.
12. Carry the message. Give the joy away, and it will be yours to keep.

Yours in A.A. love and service,  
Dawn O., DCM, District 14,  
850-320-2712



# Sobriety Birthdays

## Happy Hour Group

Christina J - 2020 - 3 years  
Christopher H - 2020 - 3 years  
Crystal H - 2018 - 5 years  
David S - 2020 - 3 years  
LB S - 2006 - 17 years  
Michael M - 2017 - 6 years  
Thomas C - 2022 - 1 year



## Early Risers

Chris L 12/13/1980  
Mike R 12/5/2009  
Ray 12/26/2021  
Tom C 12/1/2022



**HAPPY  
SOBERTHDAY!**

STAYING SOBER  
IS LIKE SUPER  
COOL OF YOU.

## Deckhands

SHERRY M/11 DEC 21/3 YEARS  
AUSTIN M/27 DEC 12/11 YEARS  
JOSHUA L/28 DEC 14/9 YEARS



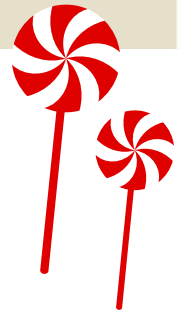
## Unity Group

Leah W - Dec 21



## Weekenders

Steve 12/10/2019



What it was like, what happened, and what it is like now.

**Experience  
Strength  
& Hope**



# Speakers



## Powerless

Every Saturday  
8pm @ 52 Beal

## Primary Purpose Group

Every Saturday  
2 Speakers  
7pm @  
703 E Miracle Strip

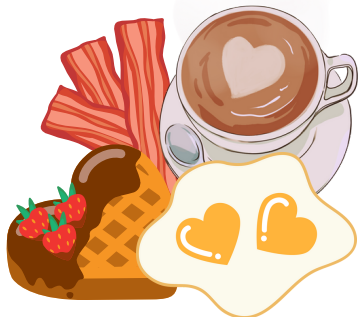


## Miracle Group

Mike H- Third Tradition  
8pm @  
165 Coral Dr SW

## Rise and Shine

1st Saturday of the Month  
8am @ 52 Beal



Area 1 District 14  
Intergroup Breakfast /FUNDRAISER  
Am Vets Post 78  
910 Valastics Ave. Valparaiso FL. 32580  
Next Breakfast: Dec 3rd  
Hosted By: District 14  
Speakers: Dawn O, Brad A, Lisa F, and Scott C  
Breakfast @ 9:30 am (\$8.00)  
SPEAKER @ 10:30am



# Save THE Date

# Events





## ALKATHON MEETINGS FELLOWSHIP FOOD & FUN




AA MEETINGS EVERY 2 HOURS		
MEETING TIME	MEETING CHAIR PERSON	CHAIR PERSON HOME GROUP
1 12:00 PM	★ SUZIE B	MOSSY HEAD
2 2:00 PM	★ TERRI S	UNWIND YOUR MIND
3 4:00 PM	★ JERRI S	SERENITY GROUP
4 6:00 PM	★ BRAD A	MIRACLE GROUP
5 8:00 PM	★ MIKE C	YOUNG AT HEART
6 10:00 PM	★ LINDA W	WEEKENDERS
7 12:00 AM	★ JIMMY P	3RD TRADITION

**SUNDAY • DECEMBER 31, 2023**  
**@ CENTRAL OFFICE**  
 24 HOLLYWOOD BLVD., SUITE 3, FORT WALTON BEACH, FL 32548

HAPPY NEW YEAR

## 52<sup>nd</sup> GULF COAST ROUNDUP

February 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024



On the Gulf Coast of Okaloosa Island at  
**The Island Resort**  
 1500 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE  
 Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

**Friday**  
 4:30pm Carol Van D. (AA) Pensacola, FL  
 8:00pm Larcine G. (AFG) Hawthorne, CA

**Saturday**  
 10:00am John C. (AA) Hillsborough, NC  
 2:00pm Debra V. (AA) Jacksonville, FL  
 4:00pm Old Timers Panel  
 7:30pm Raffle and Sobriety Countdown  
 8:00pm Steve V. (AA) Jacksonville, FL

**Sunday**  
 9:30am Curtis J. (AA) Taylorsville, KY

Room Rates – good from Feb 9 thru Feb 13	
Standard (king or 2 queens)	\$109 per night*
Poolside (king)	\$139 per night*
Poolside (2 queens)	\$139 per night*
Gulf Front (king)	\$145 per night*
Gulf Front (2 queens)	\$149 per night*
<b>Suites</b>	
Poolside (K or 2Q)	\$199 per night*
Gulf Front Suite (K or 2Q)	\$209 per night*
Email <a href="mailto:reservations@mainsailhotels.com">reservations@mainsailhotels.com</a> or Call (850) 337-9194 (ask for Vanessa or Jackie)	
Reserve before January 10 to guarantee rates	
	*plus tax

**REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 350 – REGISTER EARLY BEFORE WE SELL OUT!!!**

ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY COMEDIAN HYPNOTIST  
**TERRY STOKES, JR**

**SATURDAY NITE AFTER THE MEETING**  
 YOGA on the BEACH!! Saturday & Sunday morning at 7:00am with Mollie Densley  
 Early bird meetings (combined discussion) Saturday & Sunday morning at 8:15am

Register (PayPal) at [www.GulfCoastRoundup.com](http://www.GulfCoastRoundup.com) or mail a check with the form below:

Gulf Coast Roundup – February 9-11, 2024 – Registration \$25 each

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) on Badge(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Gulf Coast Roundup Mail to: **Angie Bowdren, 930 Gulf Shore Dr Unit 4, Destin, FL 32541**

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### To Area 1 District 14 GSR's & Groups

The 52nd Gulf Coast Roundup on Feb 9-11, 2024...  
 Welcomes home-group Gift Basket donations  
 for Saturday evening's auction!

Gift Baskets can be any theme your group would like.  
 Get creative!  
 A few ideas... literature, spa, beach items, gift cards, etc.

Any Gift Baskets submitted will be greatly appreciated!

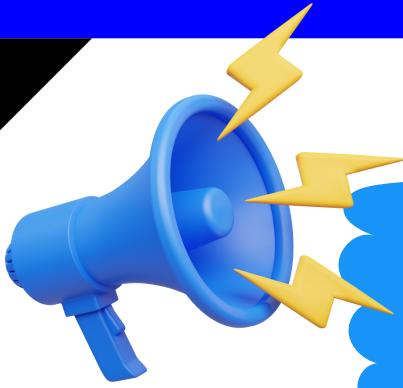
For further information or confirmation...  
 Please contact Gift Basket Chair, Suji G., Happy Hour Group  
 Phone: (850) 362-9551  
 Email: [suzihong@yahoo.com](mailto:suzihong@yahoo.com)



Suji G.  
 Gift Basket Chair



**NEW**



**MEETING**

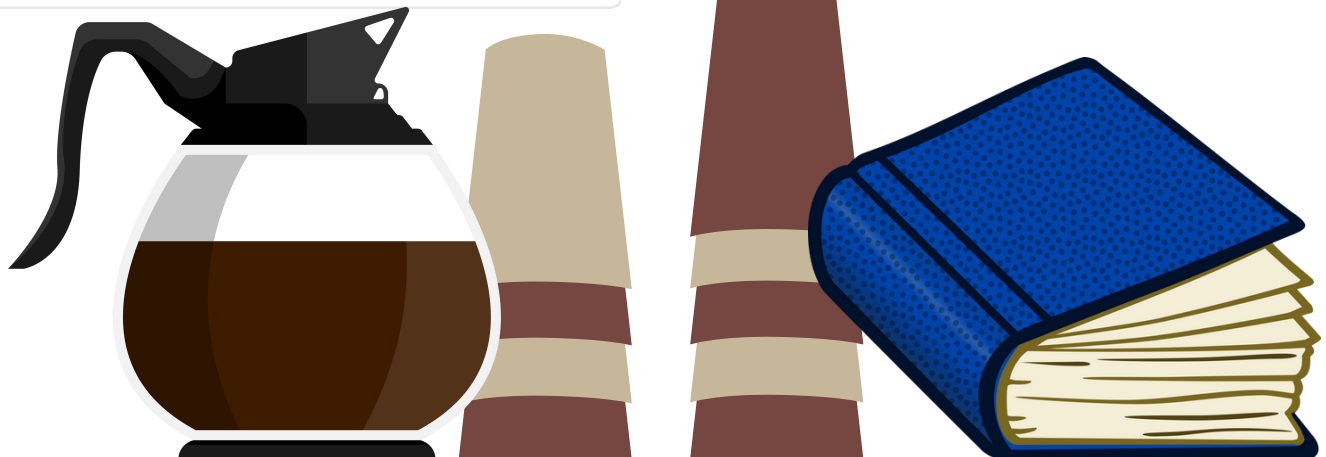
## AGAINST THE GRAIN

Wednesday at 6:30 PM

Alano Club of FWB  
52 Beal Parkway Northwest  
Fort Walton Beach, FL

- ✓ Discussion
- ✓ English
- ✓ Open
- ✓ In-Person Meeting

Open meetings are available to anyone interested in Alcoholics Anonymous' program of recovery from alcoholism. Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers.



Vets and Active Duty Only

**Alcoholics Anonymous  
Rickenbacker Group**

Starting  
Tuesday / Nov 21st  
@ 7am & 3 pm



then  
Every Tuesday @ 7am & 3pm  
Big Book and 12X12 Study  
and  
Once a Month  
Speaker Meeting

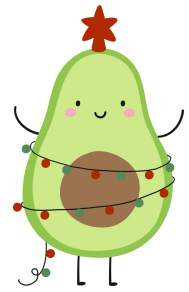


Vet Center  
6 11th Ave Ste G-1  
Shalimar, FL 32579





# INTERGROUP COMMITTEE MEETING



The meeting opened at 6:30PM with the "We" version of the Serenity Prayer, Tradition 2 and Tradition 9.

## ATTENDANCE:

Intergroup Roster  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Reps: Please put a star next to your name.

NAME	GROUP	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL
Dan Walker	Straight up	850-218-0280	3papadon@gmail.com
Jason LaRossa	Early Risers	850-666-3534	laquas2020@yahoo.com
Suzie Bickford	Breakfast Spots	850-958-1321	Siesianobaircloud.com
Baren Coffey	Early Risers	261-434-3046	soilcoffee@gmail.com
Brenda Whitner	Muscle Group	850-254-0213	ARMCONVNC@GMAIL.COM
Johnnie Clark	Mosshead	850-217-1809	j-niceville@gmail.com
DAN VANASKIE	HAPPY HOUR	917-413-8271	VANASHXC@GMAIL.COM
Terry Stokes	Unwind Your Mind	850-428-4359	creatingestmordinary@gmail.com
Linda Westcott	Chair-walkers	850-682-7001	lcw061657@hotmail.com
Paul Bond	co-chair	850-240-0946	bondp@cor.net

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Secretary Report: (Jen D) Read & Excepted.
- Treasurer's Report: (Jen G) Total Expenses \$2,161.29 /Beginning Checking Balance \$12,321.20 /Income \$229.44 /Expenses \$2,161.29 /New Checking Balance \$10,389.35 /Prudent Reserve (Savings End Bal.) \$7,500.54 /Group Contributions: \$154.44.
- Book Fund Report: (Johnnie) Beginning Balance: \$3,443.58 / Income (10.17-11.20) \$1,825.50 / Expenses: \$1,747.74 / Ending Balance: \$3,521.34.
- Chairperson Report: (Linda) The Intergroup Picnic was a success. There were 60 people there who enjoyed food, games, a speaker, and meeting. Special thanks to Rick & Dawn, Paul B & his wife, Steve T & his helper, and the rest of those who helped make the picnic a success. The speaker, Mike R told his story as well as service in Birmingham as the Area 1 Intergroup Liaison. A group donated a basket to the speaker. Special thanks to Terry S in helping with the accommodation rates. Everything about the picnic was voted on by officers, committee chairs and intergroup reps. An announcement was made about the following opening shifts: Fridays 4-7pm / Sundays 12-4pm & 4-7pm. Scott with Deckhands has committed to Saturdays 4-7 and George will be working Sundays 8am - 12pm. The goal is to be open 7 days a week from 8am - 7pm. Be sure your group has an intergroup rep and have them come to the next meeting. Suggestions about what to do with excess money will be discussed in Old Business. We will be hosting the September 2024 Breakfast Meeting and will be highlighting what intergroup is about and what positions are available for the

\*See attached memo for updated information





# INTERGROUP COMMITTEE MEETING



next 2 year service commitment starting in Jan 2025. Linda W contact info: 850.582.7704  
([lcw061887@hotmail.com](mailto:lcw061887@hotmail.com)).

- **Co-Chair Report:** (Paul B) Picnic was a success, and suggested next time we make note the event is free.
- **DCM Report:** (Brad A) Dec 3rd AmVets district will be presenting a service workshop. Dawn, Brad A, Scott C, and Lisa will be sharing. Would appreciate your presence and support. Attended the corrections committee workshop 11.18 at the Alano Club. Mitchell Area 1 Corrections Chair came down and shared. Comprehensive notes available upon request. At the district level, Terry will be in charge of the 2024 convention meeting. Main service positions are full, but co-chairs and volunteers are needed. Next meeting 11.27 at Central office 6:30 pm (Dawn): Received letter from General Service office regarding the current financial situation of AA. The letter detailed the efforts General Services made to rectify the financial challenges. Attended (STASA?) the weekend of 11.17. The southeast regional trustee went over great details on how the Central Office and the trustees have been trying to address some of the problems with the finances. Throughout COVID, we have lost income in book sales. Thanked people for generosity but are short. They are making an appeal for the groups to maximize their donations over the next annual budget. They need help to continue to adjust and plan for the reality of the current economic condition and changes in the fellowship. Attached to the letter is a long list of services provided by GSO. Letter to be forwarded to secretary to email IGR. The normal flow of communication from GSO goes to the delegate for the area, and they pass it along to all the DCM's, then it is passed along to GSR's. The letter will be forwarded via email to the IGR's from the secretary.
- **AA Hotline Report:** (Rindy) Nothing new to report. There were a few issues with Google Voice. There will be a post made to Facebook asking for Hotline volunteers for the following holidays: Thur 11.23 Mon 12.25 and Mon 01.01.
- **ODAAT:** (Jen B) Great participation, everything is going great. ODAAT has been passed around.
- **Web Servant Report:** (Emily) 569 users. 2 from Canada, 1 Costa Rica, 1 from UK and 1 from Pakistan.
- **IG Breakfast Report:** (Suzi B) Nov 5 hosted by Freeport Trouble Makers. 31 in attendance. 7th tradition was \$36 Rent \$25 and \$11 went to Intergroup. Hosts are needed for breakfast meetings. Please share with your group. Terry S to forward the schedule to Suzi.
- **Eat & Speak Report:** (Terry S) Next one is the last Saturday of the month hosted by Busters. Kathy (IGR) will be researching and gathering more information on who the speaker will be. Will be located the First Presbyterian Church. Set up at 4:30, and will begin at 5:30. Al Anon speaker starts at 6:00 and the AA speaker starts at 7:00.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Discussion about supporting Alcathon. Mossy Head had no interest. Happy Hour Group was willing to do it New Years Eve. Tabled until we discuss New Business.

**NEW BUSINESS:** It was decided to have a New Year's Eve Alcathon at the Intergroup office December 31st from noon- 1am. There will be no cost for the space. A meeting every 2 hours. Will need 7 groups that can chair. Each group should bring light snacks. Rindy to post a sign-up sheet on the Intergroup Facebook page (Will need to know the POC for each hosting group by 12.18) Motion for the food budget to be \$500. Will be finalized in old business at the next meeting Monday 12.18). Brad raised the question/ discussion about Intergroup making a contribution to the General Service Board (lump sum or monthly donation). Linda requested the discussion be taken back to each group. Rindy asked if Intergroup is allowed to donate. Rindy will reach out to GSO in New York for Clarification.\*  
Motion to table passed.

Motion to close the Intergroup office on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. Motion passed.

## GROUP REPORTS:

- **Straight Up Group:** (Dan) No birthdays this month. Will be hosting a Thanksgiving feast at 1PM after the meeting.
- **Sparkle:** (Dan) Announcement about Linda's funeral. It was held 11.21 at the Emerald Coast Funeral Home.
- **Happy Hour:** (Dan) 5 birthdays in November. Meets at Alano Club Mon-Fri @ 5:30pm.
- **Early Risers:** (Jason) St Augustine in Navarre 7am Mon-Sat. Sun 6:30 am @ The Sea Turtle pavilion. Ladies night Monday @ 6pm. Wednesday Eating Meeting. 15-20 in attendance
- **Mossy Head Group:** (Johnnie) Meets Wednesdays at 7:00 and Sunday's at 6:00. 1 Nov birthday, Rick C with 34 years. There will be no birthday celebration due to scheduling conflicts.
  
- **Miracle Group:** (Brad) Meets Tuesday's nights 8pm at St Mary's Church . 11.21 was the 45th anniversary with food and fellowship. No birthdays for November.
- **Unwind Your Mind:** (Paul) 12.13 Paul will be celebrating 28 years with a Chocolate Peanut BUTter Oreo Pie. 11th step meeting. All encouraged to try.
- **Weekenders:** (Linda) Meets on Sunday's 5:30-6:30pm. Speaker meeting the 3rd Sunday of the month. 9 members. No birthdays for November.
- **Buster's:** (Kathy): Meets daily at 8am @ Jakakudas. No birthday's. Excited for their speaker to participate in the meet and greet.
- **Primary Purpose:** (Emily) Meets Thursdays (Step meeting) and Saturday's (2 speaker meeting) at 7pm. Several birthdays for November.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30PM



# INTERGROUP TREASURY REPORT



## District 14 Intergroup Treasurer Report

Oct-23

Income

Group Contributions	154.44
Intergroup Breakfast (After Rent)	75.00
Quarterly Eat & Speak Income	
GSC/Dist Rent (3 months)	
District Zoom Contribution	
GSC Copier Use	
Transfer from Book Fund	
<b>Total income</b>	<b>229.44</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Speaker Reimbursement	285.18
Bank Charges	2.99
Cable TV	151.28
Picnic food, popcorn rental, intergroup supplies	785.83
Electricity	135.92
Rindy (domain account) reimbursement	14.95
Rent plus Autopay Fee (2.49)	724.15
ODAAT Printing Fee	45.00
Zoom Monthly Fee	15.99
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,161.29</b>
<b>Beginning Checking Balance</b>	<b>12,321.20</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>229.44</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>2,161.29</b>
<b>New Checking Balance</b>	<b>10,389.35</b>
<b>Prudent Reserve (Savings End Bal.)</b>	<b>7,500.54</b>

Oct-23

Group Contributions

Beautiful Downtown Baker	50.00
Miracle Group	10.00
Rise and Shine	52.00
There is A Solution	42.44
<b>Total*</b>	<b>154.44</b>



A summary of group contributions to Intergroup is presented in the following table:

Oct 2023

YTD Group Donations to Intergroup

87 Stools & Bottles Group	17.00
#697516 Beautiful Downtown Baker Group	50.00
An AA Group	62.34
Brown Baggers	1,000.00
Busters	1,342.00
Freeport Troublemakers	25.00
Care Group	-
CAYA (Come As You Are)	-
Chain Gang AA Meeting	-
Corpus Christy Group	-
Cover to Cover Group	-
Crestview Mon Night BB	-
Crestview Southside Group	-
Daily Reflections Group	-
Deckhands Group	600.00
Dedication Group	-
Destin Group	310.00
Destin Saturday Night Group	-
Early Risers - Navarre	1,039.02
Faith Group of Crestview	50.00
First Things First Meeting	-
Friday Night Lights	-
Happy Hour Group	200.75
Honesty Group	-
Hurlburt Field, Chapel Group	-
Jaywalkers	49.96
Ladies Friday Night Group (Candlelight)	-
Lakeview Group	40.00
Lakeard Awakenings Meeting	-
Living Sober Group (Candlelight Group)	100.00
Monday Night Big Book	-
Men's Group	-
Miracle Group	110.00
Mossy Head Community Group	110.00

Navarre Fellowship	-
Niceville Group	-
On Awakening Group	-
Paypal	-
Powerless Meeting	294.85
Primary Purpose Womens	295.50
Red Door Group	-
Rise & Shine	550.00
Rule 62 Group	-
Sat Night Live Meeting	-
Saturday Night Serenity	-
Second Chance Group	-
Serenity by the Sea	150.00
Serenity Group (Friday night)	-
Shoulder 2 Shoulder	-
Sparkle Group	200.00
Straight Up Group	-
Sunday Sunrise Beach Meeting	-
Sunday Sunset BB Study Group	-
Third Tradition Group	-
There is a Solution	114.88
Thursday Night Ladies 12 & 12	-
Traditional Group	-
Turning point	318.38
UBU Meeting	-
Unity Group	220.00
Val-p Home AA Group 161944	-
Wed. Women in Recovery Group	-
Weekenders Group	77.10
Women's Meeting	-
Primary Purpose	342.72
Lunch Bunch	60.00
Women's Sunshine Sisters Meeting	-
Young at Heart	321.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,050.50</b>



# District 14 Meeting Minutes

DRAFT UNTIL Approved at the 4 December 23 District Meeting

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AREA 1 DISTRICT 14 GSR MEETING with SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Date: Nov 6th, 2023

## District 14 GSR Officers Present

DCM: Dawn O Alt. DCM: Brad A. Treasurer: Lisa F. Secretary: Scott C.

## SERVICE COMMITTEE CHAIRS PRESENT

**Archives:** Lotte **Corrections:** Not available **Grapevine:** Diana C. (online) **Literature:** Suzie B.  
**PI/CPC:** None **Treatment:** CJ **Technology:** Savage (online) **Intergroup:** Linda W.

## MEETING

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the "Serenity" prayer. The step, tradition, and concept corresponding with the month was read. The Declaration of Unity was recited. Total attendance 36. 29 in person. 7 virtually.

New GSR's:  
Rick; Rule 62

New Alt. GSR's:

New Service Positions:  
None

Visitors:  
Jason



## DISTRICT 14 OFFICERS REPORTS

**Secretary: Scott C.** read the abbreviated and amended minutes from October. Karen motioned to accept and Mike seconded. The Secretary's report was accepted.

**Treasurer: Lisa F.** reports September amounts as follows: Opening Balance: \$8544.01 Income: \$170.50 Expenses: \$953.00 Ending Balance: \$8214.51 Prudent Reserve \$1516.14 Mark motioned



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to accept; Terry seconded. The treasurer report was accepted. Report was sent out prior to the District meeting. (in email)

**DCM: Dawn O.**

See attached

**Alt. DCM: Brad A.**

Alt. DCM Report

Area



I attended the Area Assembly in October. It was a wonderful weekend as usual. While there I was able to participate in the AA Literature & Spiritual Growth Workshop, the Night Owl Discussion Meeting, and the GSR Workshop - "How to Reach Anyone, Anywhere". I also attended CPC and Convention Committee meetings. the Corrections Workshop, the Ask-It-Basket forum, the DCM Committee Meeting. the Open Speaker Meeting, and finally the Area Service Meeting.

I am pleased to report that District 14, with the immense help of our Area Registrar, has reduced the number of unknown groups on the Area roster to two. I am currently working to deliver the remaining information to bring the outstanding total to zero. Next, we hope to distinguish the groups operating as hybrid or virtual-only meetings. If your group formerly or presently operates as one or both please see me following the meeting.

I am also pleased to report that the District 14 Convention Ad hoc Committee is moving forward with plans to host the Area Convention in the fall of 2024 in FWB. Area approved the motion for our District to host the event. A budget and other information will be presented at the next Area Assembly meeting.

District

District 14 Corrections Committee is hosting a workshop on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 12-3 p.m. at the Alano Club, 52 Beal Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548. Mitchell F, Area 1 Corrections Chairperson will be presenting information on Corrections service work and how to be involved. Snacks, coffee, and beverages will be provided along with plenty of fellowship. Contact Tod W. at 850-517-0566 or Steven J. at 813-334-9430 for more information.

District 14 would like to encourage you to attend the Intergroup Breakfast on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and support your trusted servants (Dawn O., Scott C., and Brad A.) as they share their experience, strength, and hope regarding service in the AA fellowship.

We now have 7 groups who have filled out their group committee member lists. Thank you to the following groups who recently provided their information: The Jaywalkers Group and the Lakeview Group. Forms are available in print or via email. See me for more information.



## Intergroup

I attended the monthly IG meeting. I would like to encourage groups to elect an IG chairperson.

I also attended the District 14 Intergroup Speaker Picnic on October 28<sup>th</sup> at Clement Taylor Park. It was a beautiful day and a wonderful occasion. Thank you to everyone who brought it together and made it happen!

## General

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Sunshine Convention is being held on November 10- 11 at the Mossy Head Community Center, 63 Stewart Circle, Mossy Head, FL

Southern States Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly- SSAASA7 is being hosted by Area 14 North Florida and held on November 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at The Sheraton Orland Norh, 600 North Lake Destiny Road Maitland, FL 32751. Register at ssaasa7.org by November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you for allowing me to serve!

Brad A., Alt. DCM, District 14  
860-259-0013

## **SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

ARCHIVES: Lotte (Chairperson) Meet on Oct 21; Suji and Lotte in attendance. Suji attended Area Assemble and is Area 1 Archives secretary. Collecting archives still. Creating a display for Gulf Coast Round Up. Considering a make and take. Making an Events calendar, and coming up with a budget and submitting an ODAAT newsletter. Next is Dec 16<sup>th</sup>.

CORRECTIONS: Steve J (Co-chair) Minutes attached and sent out via email.

GRAPEVINE: Diana C. (Chairperson-online) Had online meeting with no attendees. Discussed w/ Lynn, nothing new to report. Have been in touch; next is January 27<sup>th</sup> at 11am. The app is still available, \$2.99 a month.

LITERATURE: Suzie B. (Chairperson) Attended area assembly and literature committee meeting. 33 in the meeting. Have an audio version of Daily Reflection. Soft touch velvet Big Book coming out. New revised pamphlet, AA for the Old Alcoholic (only in English). Young people in AA has been revised. Suji brought the literature display and all were impressed. Committee Inventory next year. Oct 28<sup>th</sup> held the Literature Committee meeting and share Area data. On Dec 2d will have a Make and Take bookmarkers etc. See attached flyer. Next spring will have a road show.

PI/CPC: Patrick McD. (Chairperson) No report; still collecting Grapevines for distribution and - working on PSAs.



**TREATMENT:** CJ (Co-chairperson) Good turnout on Oct 14 meeting with 19 people and two new members. Decided to pursue the spirit of rotation and will rotate chairs every 6 months. Next meeting is Nov 11.

**TECHNOLOGY:** Savage (Chairperson- Online) Nothing to report

**INTERGROUP:** Linda (Co-chairperson) Had the picnic, lots of fun, about 60 people. They had pinatas and snow cones. Mike R spoke from Birmingham and a basket was donated. Thank you to all. Getting more trusted servants. One coming in 4-7 on Saturdays. Friday 4-7 is open. Also 12-4 and 4-7 on Sundays open. Bingo suggested and possibly a spring picnic. Always the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6:30pm at Central Office.

**AD HOC Area 1 Convention Committee:** Terry S (chairperson) Patrick McD Co-chair; Have a couple of options of dates. The target is fall 2024 at the Convention Center. It is inline with the previous contract from 2017 other than inflation. 3-4 hotels acting as host hotels. The cost to District 14 is the Chair/Co-Chair Area Assembly until the convention happens (4 visits).

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Lisa passed out the proposed budget. Henry proposed to approve the budget as amended with an increase to \$500 for treatment; seconded by CJ. Budget carried with no dissent. Vote was unanimous.

Vote for District 14 to Host Area 1 Convention; Chair, and Standing Committee; Terry motioned to Host Area 1 Convention, Mark Seconded. Unanimous

Vote for Area 1 Convention Chair budget for Area 1 Assembly; Terry motions for convention chair to receive a stipend to Area 4 times a year (\$250 each/\$1000 total) Unanimous

Suzi needs District support this weekend.

### **GSR REPORTS**

An AA group: Steven Jackson (GSR online): No report

Beautiful Downtown Baker: Ron (GSR): Not available.

Brownbaggers: Savage (Member at Large) No report







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Busters for Sobriety: Mark (GSR): Nothing new to report

Deckhands: Sandy (GSR) Couple of newcomers: Birthdays (6 of them); Sandy celebrated 4yrs last week.

Early Risers: Karen (GSR) No changes to meetings: 19 on average; Birthdays in the ODAAT.

Faith Group: Henry (GSR): Meets Wed, Fri, Whitaker House; 1 birthday; Mike with 9 years.

Freeport Trouble Makers: Kelly (GSR) Meet at Freeport Commons. Average 12-15 and getting visitors. 1 birthday, Walt.

Friday Night Lights: John V (GSR) No report

Happy Hour: Suji (GSR) Meet M-F at 5:30pm at the Alano Club; Holding at 15-20; 5 birthdays: Brian C 3yrs, Omar Z 5 yrs, Rick V 2 years, Tara M 5 years, Adrian A 2 yrs. Monthly birthday meeting Oct 28<sup>th</sup>. Provide literature and pamphlets to newcomers.

Jaywalkers: David (GSR) Big Book Saturday, 12 & 12 Sunday; 1 birthday Andie with 12 years, average 23 people

Lakeview: James (GSR) On the lake on the circle. Mike D 1 year; the 30<sup>th</sup> has James K celebrating 28 years. Had some new comers.

Men's Group: No report

Miracle Group: Jennifer (Member at Large): Last Tue is anniversary. Dave M from 3<sup>rd</sup> tradition speaking, 45 years this year eating meeting Nov 21<sup>st</sup>.

Monday Night Big Book: No report

Mossy Head Community Group: Suzi (Alt GSR) Rick C celebrating 33 years, no bday dinner this month. 20 or so attendees.

Navarre Fellowship: No report

On Awakening: No report

Primary Purpose II: Mike (GSR); 4 year anniversary last weekend.

Primary Purpose Women's Group: Ashley L( GSR – online) No birthdays in Nov. averaging 10 people; Dec 5<sup>th</sup> have an 6pm meeting with Pizza for Christmas with 7pm meeting after.

Rise and Shine: David (Alt GSR) Birthdays on may text; average about 25

Rule 62: No report

Second Chance: No report



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Serenity by the Sea: Inactive; several regular group members moved away and another active Destin meeting and an issue with homeless folks at the church; decision at business meeting was made to go inactive

Serenity Group: No report

Sober Sisters from Niceville: No report

Sparkle Group: Margaret (GSR) No birthdays until Dec 2d.

Spiritual Axiom Women's: No report

Straight Up Group: Allen (GSR) About 20ish or so in attendance. 6 active members; new Grapevine Rep. Have treats for birthdays.

There Is a Solution: Kris (GSR) Meets M, Tu, Wed, and read from AA literature; Avg 5-10; Mark G 21 years; reading living sober on Tuesday; open discussion M/W

Third Tradition: Joe (GSR) M,W 8pm 12/12 and BB; About 35 on the roster; 15-20 attendees; no birthdays this month. Probably a cake anyway last Wednesday.

Traditional Group: Chad (GSR) No report

Trouble Makers: Meet M/Th 6:30 15 in homegroup 8-12 per meeting Don L. 9yrs; Floyd R spoke at AMVETS.

Tuesday Night Men's Meeting: Michael (GSR online) Averaging 10-12 attendees 10-12 attending

Turning Point: Henry (member at large) No report

Unity: Brian (GSR): 1 birthday, Brian with 2 years; averaging 15-18 people; lots of newcomers!

Unwind Your Mind: Terry (GSR): Averaging 15 people. Paul has a birthday in December with Peanut Butter pie.

Weekenders: Linda (Alt GSR); Sunday 5:30; 10 people at speaker meeting. Another on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at the Wellness center. About 9 members.

Young at Heart: No report

Young Peoples Group: No report

### Announcements

Next meeting December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

January 12 – 14, 2024: Area 1 Assembly, Clarion Inn & Suites (334-821-7001) in Auburn, AL.

<https://www.aaarea1.org/area-1-assembly.html>

### CLOSING

Meeting closed with the Responsibility Declaration. Next meeting December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.