

# Intergrouper

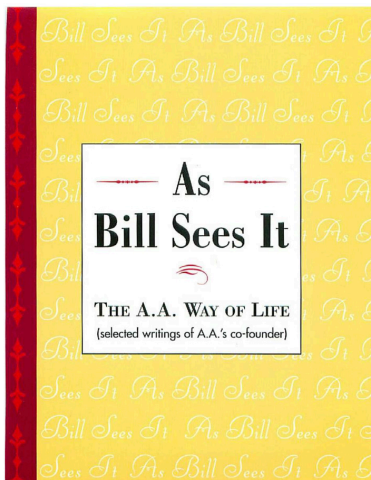


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EXCERPTS FROM "AS BILL SEES IT"

Available in the Central Florida Intergroup Bookstore

## Personality Change

It has often been said of A.A. that we are interested only in alcoholism. That is not true. We have to get over drinking in order to stay alive. But anyone who knows the alcoholic personality by firsthand contact knows that no true alky ever stops drinking permanently without undergoing a profound personality change." (*Letter, 1940*)

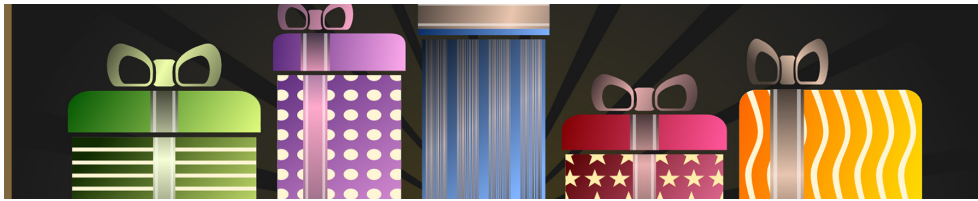
We thought "conditions" drove us to drink, and when we tried to correct these conditions and found that we couldn't do so to our entire satisfaction, our drinking went out of hand and we became alcoholics. It never occurred to us that we needed to change ourselves to meet conditions, whatever they were. (*Twelve and Twelve, page 47*)

## Can We Choose?

We must never be blinded by the futile philosophy that we are just the hapless victims of our inheritance, of our life experience, and of our surroundings -- that these are the sole forces that make our decisions for us. This is not the road to freedom. We have to believe that we can really choose. (*Grapevine, November 1960*)

As active alcoholics, we lost our ability to choose whether we would drink. We were the victims of a compulsion which seemed to decree that we must go on with our own destruction.

Yet we finally did make choices that brought about recovery. We came to believe that alone we were powerless over alcohol. This was surely a choice, and a most difficult one. We came to believe that a Higher Power could restore us to sanity when we became willing to practice A.A.'s Twelve Steps. In short, we chose to 'become willing,' and no better choice did we ever make. (*Letter 1966*)



**Altamonte Springs**

Cherie W - 36  
 Cricket - 20  
 Chris - 8  
 Jesse B - 5  
 Ron P - 3  
 David B - 3  
 Andrew - 2

**Back to Basics**

Susan C - 28  
 Rick B - 24  
 Jenni - 19

**Central Orlando**

Karen S - 34  
 Hugh D - 32  
 Van C - 30  
 Cathy A - 28  
 Keith Y - 23  
 Doug V - 14  
 Nancy O - 12  
 Luis C - 9  
 Eric P - 8  
 Stephanie P-H - 8  
 Mary Jo - 7  
 Sara R - 7  
 Rich P - 7  
 Ricky B - 7  
 Clark R - 1

**Clean Air**

Nancy R - 35  
 Lorraine S - 13  
 Renee S - 12  
 Kay S - 9  
 Raymond A - 3  
 Kendra R - 3  
 Jim T - 2  
 William S - 1

**College Park Triangle**

Robin H - 11  
 Katie R - 10

**Crossroads**

Faith B - 31  
 Dennis L - 29  
 Cathy A - 28  
 Sheranda B - 19  
 Dixie M - 18  
 Lindsay L - 14  
 John H - 10  
 Lynn A - 10  
 Judi C - 6  
 Caroline H - 5  
 Rafael S - 3  
 Dwayne H - 1  
 Kevin Y - 1  
 Robert M - 1  
 Theresa H - 1

**Dr. Philips**

Mike C - 32  
 Bill C - 13  
 Gopal - 4  
 Tom S - 8  
 Beth R - 3  
 Robert C - 2  
 Danny K - 47  
 Audra S - 2  
 Mason C - 2  
 Glenn J - 2  
 Marina - 22  
 Jake B - 2  
 Adam H - 1  
 Praveen P - 1

**First Things First**

Bill C - 13  
 Tom S - 8  
 Jason J - 6

**Fortunate Few**

Tom P - 53  
 Clint B - 20  
 Joe M - 15

**Greenhouse**

Vera J - 3  
 Bryce C - 5

Kevin Mac - 21  
 George M - 29  
 Sarah D - 8  
 Bethany B - 2  
 Howard E - 12  
 Senora D - 19  
 Bill B - 28

**High Noon**

Ruth K - 23  
 Frances R - 21  
 Bruce C - 12  
 Ruth A - 9  
 Tom S - 8  
 Mark P - 6  
 Susan C - 6

Tina S - 5

Sara B - 5  
 Jay S - 3  
 Tom P - 2  
 Misty G - 2  
 Rishelle V - 2

**Jaywalkers**

Earl V - 5  
 Sue H - 3  
 Jennisfer H - 2  
 Tracey O - 2

**Living Sober**

Ann T - 26  
 Melissa H - 7  
 Tressa P - 5  
 Kary G - 3

**Oviedo**

John K. - 24  
 Mack S. - 23  
 Jenny H. - 12  
 Richard H. - 12  
 Dan R. - 8  
 Danial J. - 7  
 Ann - 7  
 Chad - 7  
 Tim H. - 6

Jon N. - 5  
 Sarah P. - 5  
 Eric V. - 4  
 Carolyn L. - 3  
 Sergey - 2

**South Sanford**

John M - 40  
 Tim C - 39  
 Maggie - 1  
 Kevin S - 1

**The Herd Instinct**

Jeff S - 9

**The Home Group**

Jacqueline C - 33  
 Michael J - 12  
 Joe M - 15

**The Hope Group**

Connie D - 29  
 Cindyellen - 27  
 Lamont W - 8  
 Mark M - 8

**Three Legacies**

Connie D - 29  
 Raymie B - 26  
 Phil S - 22  
 Doug M - 11  
 Liam S - 9  
 Kelley K - 7  
 Louise B - 6  
 Daniel H - 4  
 Melissa T - 3  
 Kristin S - 2  
 Yani C - 1  
 Roger R - 1  
 David R - 1

**West Lake**

Cricket - 20  
 Michele - 6

**Winter Park**

Bob L - 42  
 John C - 37  
 Dennis O - 32  
 Hugh O - 32  
 Larry S - 31  
 CJ - 31  
 Patricia G - 30  
 Linda S - 27  
 Sally P - 26  
 Dan C - 25  
 Monica B - 24  
 Mack S - 23  
 Phil T - 23  
 Mike K - 21  
 Kathleen B - 21  
 Tall Bill - 19  
 Walton F - 18  
 Valerie - 16  
 Andrew B - 14  
 Carly W - 13  
 Zack P - 8  
 Brian D - 7  
 Chad T - 7  
 Terry W - 6  
 Mary G - 6  
 Kevin B - 6  
 Cathy J - 6  
 Stephanie S - 6  
 Zoe S - 6  
 Brook P - 6  
 John W - 5  
 Stacey A - 5  
 Bonnie M - 5  
 Greg T - 4  
 Magon M - 4  
 Tommy K - 4  
 Jay M - 4  
 Brian F - 3  
 John S - 3  
 Greg C - 2  
 Matt A - 2  
 Dylan B - 2  
 Shelley Z - 1  
 John F - 1

**Bill W. proclaimed a simple phrase when he worked the Steps of Recovery:  
“I KNEW I WAS A FREE MAN.”**

**History’s Corner – June, 2018 – The Origin of Sponsorship. Vic L, Decisions**

**How did the idea and concept of sponsorship start in Alcoholics Anonymous? You will hear repeatedly in meetings the quote, “The word sponsor does not exist in the first 164 pages of the book Alcoholics Anonymous,” and that is a valid point. When they published the AA book in 1939, the purpose was to write down, in black and white, the purpose and formal steps the early AA’s performed to obtain sobriety. Up until 1939, the program was strictly a word-of-mouth set of ideas and principles, and believe me, many of the original MEMBERS WANTED TO KEEP IT THAT WAY AND NOT WRITE DOWN OR FORMALIZE THE PROGRAM.**

**Bill W. and Doctor Bob, though, knew they would not live forever, and if the program were to survive, it had to be written down. To spread the message, the book would need to be distributed to all corners of America, by using mail and traveling AAs who visited other cities in their work. The Big Book did not come with a sponsor. Some early members only had the book which they purchased for \$3.50, so no reference was made of a “sponsor”. It just didn’t exist at that time, but an amazing thing was happening in Cleveland Ohio which added to the written message; it was the concept of each new member being “sponsored”, helped or mentored by an already sober member of the fellowship.**

**In early 1940, when there about 800 to 1,000 recovering alcoholics in the program, roughly half the membership were from Cleveland, Ohio, as noted in the history book “AA comes of Age” on pages 20 and 21. “It was soon evident that a scheme of personal sponsorship would have to be devised for the new people. Each prospect was assigned an older AA, who visited him at his home or in the hospital, instructed him on AA principles, and conducted him to his first meeting.” Because the Cleveland groups instituted sponsorship and took great pains to spread the message of recovery to churches, employers, family members, hospitals, and doctors, AA grew fastest in Cleveland, and the Cleveland results were the best at that time in AA. Sponsors not only helped newcomers through the steps, they sometimes “sponsored” sick AAs at hospitals so they could be treated. After all, AAs were not good at paying their bills, and sponsors did many times help financially.**

**The teaching and working of the program also grew out of sponsorship. Sponsors would teach newcomers how to work and use the steps to stay sober. That led to many varied workshops, which in the early days were sometimes referred to as “training sessions”. The workshop idea is still used in most AA cities who have many and varied workshop sessions. In the city of Orlando itself, AA sponsors many varied subjects at local workshops.**

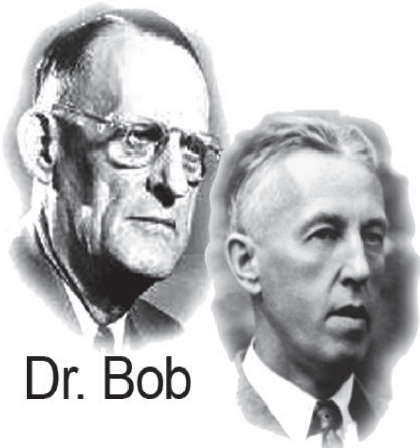
**Sponsorship and supporting sponsors remains a vital and important function in today’s AA. I doubt if I would have ever been able to get sober without the loving hand and support of my sponsor who showed me the way, showed me the ropes and the obstacles to remaining sober.**

**Decisions Group of Tuskawilla  
Gratitude/Founders Day Dinner**

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Pot Luck Dinner starts at 6:45 pm  
in the Parish Hall

Speaker Meeting starts at 8 pm  
in the main Church



**Dr. Bob**

**Bill W.**

New Covenant Church 800 Tuskawilla Rd, Winter Springs 32708

For Information Call CFI @ 407-260-5822

AA's Twelve Steps are principles for personal recovery. The Twelve Traditions ensure the unity of the Fellowship. The Twelve Concepts for World Service provide a group of related principles to help ensure that various elements of A.A.'s service structure remain responsive and responsible to those they serve. **Step Six:** "Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character." **Tradition Six:** "An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose." **Concept Six:** "On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous."

*Come Visit us.. We're Still Here!*

**The Greenhouse**

Yes, we still have the Sofa's



GREENHOUSE GROUP, Room 8 (Seeker's Room)

1100 N. Ferncreek Ave, Orlando

*It may not be Reeves United Methodist Anymore-  
But it's til here, and so is the GREENHOUSE*

Check out APP for meeting schedule- and don't miss our monthly celebration of Sobriety Anniversary Dates.

First Saturday of Month Birthday Night - 7pm pot luck; 8pm Speaker

**Apopka Big Book  
Speaker Meeting  
June 2018**

Date	Name	Group
June 7	Jerry H.	Bridge
June 14	Melanie E.	AA Way of Life
June 21	Terri Lynn S.	College Park Triangle
June 28	Ann P.	First Things First

**THURSDAYS at 8 pm  
261 SOUTH McGEE AVE.  
APOPKA, FL**

<b>APRIL 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>	
Apopka Big Book	\$20.00
Azalea Park	\$40.00
Back to Basics	\$100.00
Central Orlando	\$153.00
First Things First	\$170.50
Founders Mob	\$61.12
Greenhouse	\$90.00
Grupo Esperanza	\$15.00
H. P. Group	\$40.00
Happy Hour	\$40.00
High Noon	\$128.44
How It Works	\$50.00
Jaywalker's Group	\$332.32
Ladies on the Porch	\$20.00
Live Oaks	\$200.00
Moss Park	\$20.00
Oviedo Women's	\$112.00
Pass It On	\$149.72
Pine Hills Grace	\$40.00
Saturday Night Sobriety	\$20.00
Serenity Now	\$25.00
The Hope Group	\$100.00
Wake Up Call	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>	<b>\$2,027.10</b>
<b>INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>	
Anonymous	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	
	<b>\$2,127.10</b>

**Addresses to send  
7th Tradition  
Contributions  
to A.A. Entities:**

**District 9**

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**District 10**

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Orlando, FL 32854

**District 11**

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Orlando, FL 32814

**District 18**

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Altamonte Springs, FL 32716

**NFAC**

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Area Conference)  
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Winter Springs, FL 32708

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**About the Newsletter**

The Intergrouper's primary purpose is to connect alcoholics to local AA resources, specifically to give priority to office news and events, group information, committees served by Intergroup, highlights of the Service Committee minutes and financial statements. The trustees and the editor have editorial authority over all newsletter content. Submissions for publication in the Intergrouper are encouraged and appreciated. Submissions may be edited for clarity and grammar. Reasonable efforts may be made to contact the author in the event substantial changes need to be made. Please email submissions by the 10th of the month before publication to [cfi@embarqmail.com](mailto:cfi@embarqmail.com).

Intergroup Abbreviated Profit & Loss Statement			
	Jan--Apr Actual	Jan-Apr Budget	\$ Over/Under
Gross Revenue	\$33,318	\$34,340	(\$1,022)
Cost of Goods Sold	\$10,833	\$12,000	(\$1,167)
Gross Profit	\$22,485	\$22,340	\$ 145
Total Expense	\$26,033	\$26,460	( \$427)
Net Ordinary Income	(\$3,548 )	(\$4,120)	\$572
Net Fundraising/Activities	\$375	\$ 600	( \$ 225)
Net Income	(\$ 3,173)	(\$3,520)	\$347

Districts 9, 10, and 11, and 18 Present:

## Founders Day Picnic



Saturday, June 16th, 2018

Where: Wilson's Landing Park  
387 Malekean Trail, Sanford, FL 32771

Time: 10am-2pm

Featuring Rob M from AA Way of Life Speaking at  
11am

Hamburgers, hotdogs, and great food served at  
12pm

Please feel free to bring a side dish to share

Entertainment and fun for the whole family  
Everyone is welcome! Please join us!

## LONGTIMERS PANEL

A CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF  
THOSE MEMBERS WITH  
30 YEARS OR MORE  
OF CONTINUOUS SOBRIETY

**SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH**

**DOORS OPEN 2PM**

**PANEL 3 - 5 PM**

**St. Matthews Episcopal Church**  
**5873 N. Dean Road**  
**Orlando, 32817**

*Coffee & dessert provided*

*Sponsored by Central Florida Intergroup*

## THE CONCEPTS of AA Workshop

The Twelve Concepts for World Service are one of our three legacies in Alcoholics Anonymous: Recovery, Unity, and Service. The Concepts were written by A.A.'s co-founder Bill W. in 1962. They are an interpretation of A.A.'s world service based on the early experience of our fellowship. This is an opportunity to understand these important principles.

The lively discussion will be lead by Janee M.

9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 21, 2018

**St. Stephen Lutheran Church**  
2140 FL-434, Longwood, FL 32779  
(434 and Douglas)

**Join Us! Open to everyone!**

Sponsored by District 18

**\*NEW MEETING\***



**OUR  
HIGHER  
POWER  
GROUP**

**Closed Big Book Discus-  
sion**

When: Wednesday @ 6:30 pm

Where: Central Parkway Baptist Church  
5281 Central Florida Pkwy



## Correct Format: Anniversary Submissions

### Sample:

#### The Name of the Group

Turtle T - 30  
Cat-Nip S - 28  
Wormy W - 20  
Lion M - 15  
Fox P - 9  
Mosquito - 8



Submit simply typed into body of email if feasible.

Or submit as a word document or Open Office or RTE.

Do not submit spreadsheets with cells outlined etc.

**Type in descending order.**

If you have a question, call the office at 407-260-5822.

Thank you.

# FCYPAA 2018 HOSTED BY ORLANDO AVANTI PALMS HOTEL

ROOM RATES  
\$95 - BUDGET  
\$105 - STANDARD  
\$125 - TOWER VIEW

JULY  
27 - 29



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY Grapevine!

*Celebrate Our Meeting in Print  
Anniversary Potluck Dinner/Meeting*



**Where:** 1320 S. Chickasaw Trail  
(United Church of the Nazarene fellowship hall)  
Orlando, FL 32825

**When:** Thursday, June 28, 2018  
6:30 -- 7:00 Pot Luck\*  
7:00 -- 8:00 Grapevine reading followed by  
open discussion

\*Bring a covered dish to share



## Meeting News

### Blue Bottoms

As of May 15th, Blue Bottoms will be relocating to Shenandoah Baptist Church, 7308 Pershing Ave Orlando, FL 32822. You must park behind the Church and enter via the back door which is the only door that will be unlocked.

### The Stove Touchers

Closed Big Book study, Monday, 9 pm. BYOBB! 130 Normandy Rd., Casselberry 32707. REBOS - 2nd floor.

### Lake Minnie Men's Meeting

Open Men's Beginners, Thursday, 8 pm  
591 Lake Minnie Drive, Recovery House, Sanford 32773

# June 2018

\* An asterik indcates information is available on the event inside the Intergrouper.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 * Longtimer's Panel, Orlando
10 <b>DEADLINE</b> for Intergrouper submissions	11	12 <b>District 18</b> 6:30 pm Longwood	13 <b>Service Committee,</b> 6:30 pm CFI **Decisions, Founder's Day Picni, Winter Springs	14	15	16 * Founder's Day Picnic, Sanford
17	18 <b>District 11</b> 7:00 pm Orlando	19	20	21	22	23
24 <b>Delegates Meeting</b> 11:30 am Orlando * FCYPAA Host Committee Business Meeting, Casselberry	25 <b>District 10</b> 6:30 pm Winter Park.	26 <b>District 9</b> 6:30 pm Orlando	27	28 * Happy B-Day Grapevine! Orlando	29	30



## 2018 Gratitude Banquet

Saturday November 3

Silent Auction Items and Volunteers Needed

CFI 407.260.5822 cfi@embarqmail.com

- Dist. 9** meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday at Crossroads Group, 5205 S. Orange Ave, Ste. 204, Orlando
- Dist.10** meets at 6:30 p.m. the last Monday at the Winter Park Group, 5407 Lake Howell Rd., Winter Park
- Dist.11** meets at 7:00 p.m. the 3rd Monday at East Side Club, 2017 N Golden Rd., Orlando
- Dist.18** meets at 6:30 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 2140 W. S.R. 434, Longwood
- Delegates** meet at 11:30 a.m. the last Sunday at Central, 310 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando
- Service Committee** meets at 6:30 p.m. at Intergroup on the Wednesday 10 days before the Delegates' meeting.

**24 Hour Hotline (407) 260-5408**

**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!**