



SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15 GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

April 7-9, 2017

Hosted by District 6

Boca Raton Marriott at Boca Center

5150 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton, Florida 33486

Registration: Fri. 4:00 pm-8:30 pm, Sat. 8:00 am-8:30 pm, Sun. 7:00 am-9:00 am

Friday, April 7

8:30 pm-9:30 pm
10:00 pm-11:00 pm
10:00 pm-11:00 pm

Speaker Meeting
Night Owl Meeting
Spanish Night Owl Meeting

Saturday, April 8

7:00 am-8:00 am
7:00 am-8:00 am
8:00 am-9:00 am
8:00 am-9:00 am
8:30 am-10:50 am
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9:00 am-10:50 am
11:00 am-12:00 pm
11:00 am-12:30 pm
12:00 pm-1:30 pm

Early Bird Meeting
Spanish Early Bird Meeting
Concepts Workshop
Spanish Concepts Workshop
Treatment Facilities Committee
Remote Communities Committee
State Convention Committee
Archives Committee
Current Practices Committee
Grapevine/La Viña Committee*
Literature Committee
PI/CPC Committee
Special Needs Committee**
Traditions Workshop
Spanish Linguistics Committee
Website Committee

Saturday, April 8

12:30 pm-1:30 pm
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1:00 pm-1:50 pm
1:30 pm-3:50 pm
2:00 pm-3:50 pm
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4:00 pm-5:00 pm
5:00 pm-6:00 pm
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
8:30 pm-9:30 pm
10:00 pm-11:00 pm
10:00 pm-11:00 pm

District Chairpersons Meeting
District Treasurers Meeting
District Secretaries/Registrars Mtg.
Spanish Traditions Workshop
Corrections Committee
Finance Committee
Intergroup/Central Office Comm.
GSR Sharing
DCM Sharing
Quarterly Coordinators Meeting
Service Manual*
"What's on Your Mind?"
Banquet
Speaker Meeting***
Night Owl Meeting
Spanish Night Owl Meeting

Sunday, April 9

7:00 am-8:00 am
7:00 am-8:00 am
9:00 am

Early Bird Meeting
Spanish Early Bird Meeting
South FL Area 15 Business Meeting***

*Spanish Language Interpreter provided; ** ASL Interpreter Provided (if requested); ***ASL (if requested) and Spanish Language Interpreter Provided.

Special Needs at any meeting or workshop, hotel room with wheelchair access or interpreter for the hearing impaired for the Sunday morning business meeting can be arranged by contacting the Area Special Needs Chair at specialneeds@area15aa.org by March 17, 2017.

Saturday Banquet Menu

Caesar salad, choice of entrée and NY Raspberry Cheesecake:

No. of Chicken (Parmesan Crusted Boneless Breast) _____

No of Beef (Sirloin Steak with Mushroom Sauce) _____

No. of Vegetarian (Cheese Ravioli, Grilled Veggies) _____

Total No. of Tickets at \$40 each _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

District _____ Day you will arrive: Fri or Sat

Guests with special needs (state needs): _____

Payments due by 4/1/17

Make Checks payable to:

District 6 Quarterly

Mail to: District 6 Treasurer

P.O. Box 12248, Ft. Pierce, FL 34979-2248

QUESTIONS?

Please contact our Banquet Chair:

banquet@district6aa.org

Boca Raton Marriott at Boca Center

5150 Town Center Circle

Boca Raton, FL 33486

561-392-4600

Group Rate Code:

GENGENA

Room Rate:

\$159.00

(Must be received by March 7, 2017)

To Book via Reservation Web Link:

Marriott Hotel Information

Directions from I-95

Southbound-Exit 45, Right onto (Glades Rd, FL-808), Left onto NW Executive Center Dr., Left onto Town Center Rd

Northbound-Exit 44, Left onto (Palmetto Park Rd), Right onto S. Military Trail, Right onto Town Center Circle

QUESTIONS?

Please contact our Quarterly Hotel Liaison:

hotelliaison@district6aa.org

For hotel room cancellations OR to be placed on a hotel room wait list, please contact hotelinfo@area15aa.org

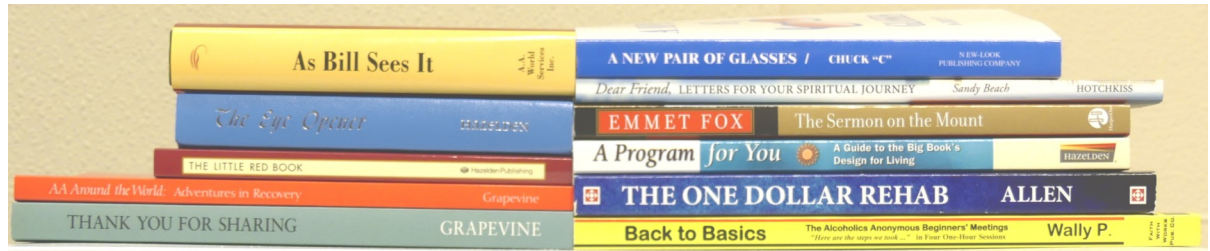


Step Three

Made a decision to turn our will and our lives
over to the care of God
as we understood Him.



WAIT! Is that *Conference-Approved*?



Does it Matter?

The meeting's discussion is in progress when one A.A. pulls out a book and says, "I'd like to read something that has helped me with this problem."

Inevitably someone interrupts: "Wait. That's not 'Conference Approved.' We don't allow outside literature."

Maybe a lively debate ensues; maybe the book is put away quietly.

... Or maybe no one bats an eye and the discussion now includes what was offered in the reading.

But you likely have witnessed (or been engaged in) such discussions about whether your AA meeting allows the use of literature without the magical endorsement: "*This is A.A. General Service Conference-approved Literature.*"

This has been interpreted by some (many?) to mean that only such publications can be used for Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, study and other purposes.

But that's not the case at all. As statements distributed in AA materials show, it's more like a case of mistaken identity:

Books published by AA World Services (AAWS) from the 1950s until 1993 that were owned and printed by AAWS were identified by the use of a Circle/Triangle Symbol bearing the three AA legacies – *unity, recovery, service*.

On May 21, 1993, an AA World Service Ad Hoc committee released an unsigned document titled: "Follow-up Statement Regarding Use of the Circle/ Triangle Symbol." In it, AAWS stated that "Alcoholics Anonymous will phase out the 'official' use of the circle and triangle symbol in and on its literature, letterheads and other material."

The term "Conference Approved" literature now replaces the Circle/Triangle Logo to merely "*identify*" (AA Grapevine Vol. 50-7 1993) the books solely owned and published by AAWS and *not as a predetermined list*.

A formal statement concerning the Confer-

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e-mail send a request to:
stlucieintergroup@att.net, attn: Rex B., editor

The District 6 Monthly
Business Meetings
are held on the second
Tuesday of each month
Indian River State College
3209 Virginia Avenue
Ft. Pierce At 6:30 pm
Building R Room 131
Come support your
District!!
Visit district6aa.org

**GSRs — ARE YOUR BASKET DONATIONS
HELPING AA AS A WHOLE?**

Does your Home Group distribute the remaining
donations after Group expenses and prudent
reserve according to AA Tradition?

Is your Home Group doing it's part to help
support your local

Intergroup Office?

District 6? Area 15?

The General Service Office ?

Is your Home Group represented at the local
monthly Intergroup steering committee
meeting?

Is your local Intergroup Office and its members
properly serving the needs of the local Groups?

These are questions you should be asking at your
Home Group business meetings.

Get involved.

Support AA as a whole!

**DOES YOUR GROUP HAVE AN
INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVE ?**

Intergroup Steering Committee
and Group Representatives meet
the 3rd Thursday of every month
@ 7pm. Help support Intergroup

REMEMBER:

"I am responsible . . .

*When anyone, anywhere, reaches
out for help, I want the hand of
A.A. always to be there.*

And for that: I am responsible."

**District 6 Committee Meetings
(at the Intergroup Office
**883 E Prima Vista Blvd.
Port St Lucie, Fl 34952)****

DCMs/GSRs Meeting the 1st Saturday of month 10:30 a.m.

Corrections Committee Meeting... the 2nd Saturday of month, 10:30 a.m.

Events Committee Meeting the 3rd Saturday of month, 10:30 a.m.

PI/CPC Committee Meeting the 4th Saturday of month 10:30 a.m.

**Please send all
District 6 Group
donations to:
District 6 Treasurer
P.O. Box 12248
Fort Pierce, Fl
34979-2248**

**Want to get Involved?
Bridging the Gap
needs volunteers as contacts for
individuals leaving treatment.
Be their first contact.
To sign up contact the District 6
Treatment Committee
BTG Coordinator
Howard_F@comcast.net
772-441-8006**

**St. Lucie Intergroup needs to update our
Twelfth Step list. If you would like to be
contacted to help insure that the hand of AA
is always there, please contact the Intergroup
Office and leave your information: name,
phone number and hours available so we can
continue to help the still sick and suffering
alcoholic. Call 772-873-9299 or e-mail
stlucieintergroup@att.net**

Intergroup offers many materials aiding sobriety

Helpful books from many other publishers besides AA world Services are carried in the St. Lucie Intergroup Office.

They include AAWS's own Grapevine, Hazelton Publishing, New Look Publishing, Hotchkiss Publishing, Harper One, Treatment Center Publishing House, Faith With Works Publishing, and others.

Often-used titles include Back to Basics, which is the anchor for some local beginners' meetings, The Little Red Book, The Eye Opening, A New Pair of Glasses, and many others.

Encourage your sponsees and new members to come by the Intergroup and see all the books, pamphlets and other materials to support their sobriety.



Is that *Conference-Approved*?

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ence, the G.S.O., and what AA members read was issued by the General Services Office, USA, in 1978, as follows:

"What Conference-Approved means"

Source GSO Box 4-5-9 1978 (Volume 23, No.4)

"It does not mean the Conference disapproves of any other publications. Many local A.A. central offices publish their own meeting lists. A.A. as a whole does

not oppose these, any more than A.A. disapproves of the Bible or any other publications from any source that A.A.'s find useful. What any A.A. member reads is no business of G.S.O., or of the Conference, naturally."

Of course, any meeting or group can determine for itself what material can be discussed; a group conscious decision could provide for a one-time or longer duration exemption.

One local group requests outside ma-

terial be verbally paraphrased rather than read aloud at length; this usually is a quicker alternative. Some may ban all outside texts of religious origin as constituting endorsement. Many groups stand by their strict meeting formats that specify the sole texts to be used.

And many just accept that any material that proved helpful to an Alcoholic's recovery may well be useful to others.

One of the great strengths of our Program is that another meeting (and format) is easily found if one we are attending is unsuitable. Or we can buy a coffee pot and start our own.

Anniversaries

FEBRUARY 2016

Begin Where You Are

Cyril F 28 yrs

**WHY AREN'T MY GROUP'S
ANNIVERSARIES HERE???**

It would be a service... and an easy one, for the folks who make sure anniversary coins and cards are ready each month to let the Intergroup Office know, too.

ADDRESSES FOR GROUP DONATIONS

St. Lucie Intergroup
Association, Inc.
883 E Prima Vista Blvd.,
Port St Lucie, Fl 34952

District 6 Treasurer
PO Box 12248
Ft. Pierce, Fl 34979-2248

South Florida Area 15
Treasurer
PO Box 56
Sebring, Fl 33870-0056

GSO
PO Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163

2017 Group Contributions through Jan. 31

GROUP	Group #	JAN.	YTD	GROUP	Group #	JAN.	YTD
A Desire To Stop GP		0.00	0.00	Lunch Bunch	169623	0.00	0.00
AA Promises GP	671816	0.00	0.00	Men's Sobriety Group	172529	0.00	0.00
Alternate MC Beginners AA GP	645696	0.00	0.00	Midday Matinee	172992	0.00	0.00
Back to Basics	617295	66.00	66.00	New Hope Group	163611	0.00	0.00
Bayside GP	134955	37.82	37.82	New Windmill Point	148626	0.00	0.00
Begin Where You Are	666125	0.00	0.00	Okeechobee Discussion		0.00	0.00
Better By The Beach	688860	169.19	169.19	Okeechobee Night Group	103633	0.00	0.00
Better Understanding	670079	0.00	0.00	Okeechobee Noon Group	147217	30.00	30.00
Bleeding Deacons	710958	0.00	0.00	Okeechobee Sobriety Group	643907	0.00	0.00
Easy Does It	149241	0.00	0.00	Okeechobee Women's Group		0.00	0.00
Ensollielle (French, seasonal)		0.00	0.00	One Page at a Time	648188	0.00	0.00
Eye Opener	169889	250.00	250.00	Primary Purpose Welcome Home	141056	0.00	0.00
First Things First	697413	79.34	79.34	Primary Purpose Bayshore	679364	0.00	0.00
Friday Night Men's	604208	0.00	0.00	PSL AA Tues. Nite Group	103698	10.00	10.00
Friendship Group	103470	0.00	0.00	PSL Sat. AM Men's Group	606637	0.00	0.00
From Darkness To Light		0.00	0.00	Reach Out Group	714201	10.00	10.00
Gays In Recovery	655112	0.00	0.00	Sisters of Sobriety	700856	0.00	0.00
Good Guys North	678914	0.00	0.00	Step Into Action	696779	0.00	0.00
Grupo Renacer Hispano FP (Spanish)		0.00	0.00	Step Sisters	683996	80.00	80.00
Grupo Serendad PSL (Spanish)		0.00	0.00	Sun Rise 11th Step		0.00	0.00
Happy Hour Living Sober	653464	0.00	0.00	Talking Feathers		10.00	10.00
Heard it thru the Grapevine GP	662713	0.00	0.00	The Future of AA (Young People)	697507	0.00	0.00
Helping Hands Group	654010	60.00	60.00	Tough Love Group		0.00	0.00
Higher Power Sunday	679339	0.00	0.00	Warriors		0.00	0.00
How It Works-Bayshore		0.00	0.00	Watch your Steps	645676	0.00	0.00
Just For Today	168564	0.00	0.00	We Stopped in Time	669606	146.00	146.00
Keep It Simple— Okeechobee	643906	0.00	0.00	Westside Ft Pierce	125608	0.00	0.00
KISS	127410	200.00	200.00	Wolff Road Group Okeechobee	703404	0.00	0.00
Lakewood Park	177727	40.00	40.00	Women Stepping Up	157843	0.00	0.00
Last Call	151221	0.00	0.00	Women's New Beginnings	611306	100.00	100.00
Late Risers	681809	150.00	150.00				
Lunch Box		0.00	0.00	TOTAL AA GP Contributions		1438.35	1438.35

This is not intended to direct AA members to specific meetings; please refer to our Where&When for area meeting places, types and times. If your group's number is not shown here, please contact the Intergroup Office so we may correct it. Thank you.

In 1957, Bill W. said, " We pay our rent and utility bills, buy coffee, snacks and AA Literature. We support our Central Office, our Area Committee and our General Services Office. If it were not for these entities, many people would never discover the miracle of AA."

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**GIANT
RAFFLE!!!**

**RAIN OR
SHINE!!!!**



Saturday, April 29, 2016, 11 am-2 pm

Food served at NOON

LYNGATE PARK BALLFIELD PAVILLION
PORT ST. LUCIE
TICKETS \$10 AT THE GATE
OR INTERGROUP OFFICE
(772)873-9299 FOR INFO

MENU

HAMBURGERS
HOTDOGS
CHICKEN

.....
PLEASE BRING
A DESSERT
OR COVERED
DISH



*You're invited
To a Saturday
Of Fun, Food
And Fellowship!*



PLEASE, NO DOGS!!! (Yes, really!!!)

On the Third Step ...

Step Three

Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

The Third Step Principle...

The principles behind the Third step are Surrender and Trust

THE THIRD STEP PRAYER

***"GOD, I OFFER MYSELF TO THEE - TO BUILD
WITH ME AND 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!"

(63:2 ORIGINAL BIG BOOK MANUSCRIPT)

On the Third Step ...

The Third Tradition ...

The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.

My Third Step Checklist ...

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I overimpressed by a celebrity, a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he has been to AA before? What his other problems are?