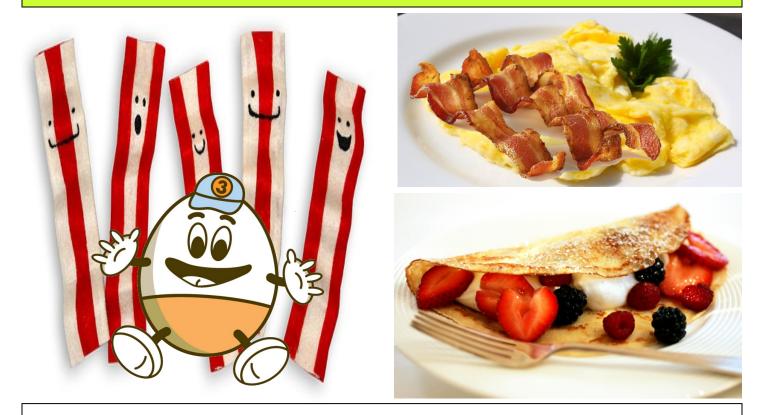


WHEN: MAY 14TH, 2016 DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM WHERE: ST ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH 295 SW PRIMA VISTA BLVD PORT ST LUCIE, FL 34985 \$12.00 CONTRIBUTION IN ADVANCE OR AT DOOR



Dinner will consist of Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Biscuits, Sausage Gravy, Crepes with Fruit, Filling and Cheese, Also Coffee and Beverages.

Dinner Will Be Followed By Two Speakers

Pastries & Desserts welcome.



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<u>Step Five</u> Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

FIRST THINGS FIRST??? First Sobriety! Sobriety First!

There will be nothing if sobriety isn't first in my life.

I heard this in treatment. I heard it at meetings. I continue to hear it today!!! It is the theme of each person who has long term sobriety. And it is heard in every tale told by those who did more experimenting and have been blessed to be able to return to AA.

I believe it!!!

I hope you do too!

How do I keep sobriety first? I pray. I have a sponsor. I continue to work THE STEPS. I read the Big Book. I am a sponsor. I go to meetings.

I read positive up-lifting literature. I support AA financially and through volunteerism. I have a group of women for AA support. I attend AA events. I like to go on retreats. I get daily readings in my email. I attend AA social events.

Thanks to my continued sobriety, I have traveled extensively, including to great AA meetings out of town and even on cruise ships. And each meeting I attended away from home was warm and welcoming. I always found an instant sense of connection.

Sound like my life is only AA? No, it isn't. I socialize with many friends out and in the program. I enjoy theater, movies, dining out, baseball games, parties, and community events. I maintain a household with all that comes with that. When I was younger I had more physical pursuits; that *has* changed with age. My life is full and whole thanks *to keeping sobriety first*. I would not have a life without sobriety!!





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One of our local fellowship members continues her reflections on her path in sobriety and now proceeds to look at how our most visible slogans fit into her own toolbox.

ST LUCIE INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION, INC.

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> Visit our website at: <u>www.aastlucieintergroup.com</u>

Where you can download PDF copies of this and recent newsletters

To receive a PDF copy of *In Gratitude* Newsletter via e-mail send a request to: stlucieintergroup@att.net, attn: Rex B., editor

Notices ...

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

VISIT CLISTICTOBALORS

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 (a) 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 897A NE Prima Vista Blvd. Port St Lucie, Fl 34952)

Special Needs Committee Meeting ... the 1st Saturday of month 9:00 a.m. DCMs/GSRs Meeting ... the 1st Saturday of month 10:30 a.m. Archives Committee Meeting ... the 2nd Saturday of month 9:00 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. **<u>PI/CPC Committee</u>** 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 at dist6treatment@gmail.com or call 772-49SOBER

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

April Anniversaries

LAKEWOOD PARK



ADDRESSES FOR

GSO PO Box 459 Grand Central Station NewYork, NY 10163 South Florida Area 15 Treasurer PO Box 690275 Vero Beach, Fl 32969

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

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Port St Lucie, Fl 34952

Kira B	1 yr	Michael T
Victoria S	1 yr	Veronica
Thomas W	2 yrs	ALTER
Debra R	4 yrs	Ivan
Todd W	2	Jenn
	6 yrs	Eric
John T	9 yrs	Kaz
Steve W	23 yrs	Philip
Maryann K	25 yrs	Rich
BAYSHOR	E CLUB	Camella
BAYSHOR Alicia G		Camella Terrance
Alicia G	1 yr	
Alicia G Bill M	1 yr 1 yr	Terrance
Alicia G	1 yr	Terrance Wendy L
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Michael T	1 yr
Veronica P	10 yrs

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Ivan	1 yr				
Jenn	1 yr				
Eric	2 yrs				
Kaz	3 yrs				
Philip	3 yrs				
Rich	4 yrs				
Camella	5 yrs				
Terrance	5 yrs				
Wendy L	9 yrs				
Bob	19 yrs				
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ARE

anthony "Always"	8 yrs	Brenda	1 yr
isa D	20 yrs	Bruce	28 yrs
1ark s	35 yrs	Mickie	28 yrs

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

SIMPLY BECAUSE NO ONE TOLD US ABOUT THEM, SO LET US KNOW! 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. ... Or for your Group Secretary or GSR to tell us ... or for YOU!!!

2016 Group Contributions through March 31

Group	Group #	MAR	YTD	Group	Group #	MAR	YTD
A Desire To Stop GP		0.00	0.00	Lunch Bunch	169623	75.00	225.00
AA Promises GP	671816	0.00	0.00	Men's Sobriety Group	172529	0.00	120.00
Alternate MC Beginners AA GP	645696	0.00	0.00	Midday Matinee	172992	0.00	0.00
An AA Group	706090	0.00	0.00	New Hope Group	163611	0.00	40.00
Back to Basics	617295	0.00	0.00	New Windmill Point	148626	0.00	0.00
Bayside GP	134955	0.00	0.00	Okeechobee Discussion		0.00	0.00
Begin Where You Are	666125	0.00	0.00	Okeechobee Combat Veterans	402622	0.00	0.00
Better By The Beach	688860	0.00	0.00	Okeechobee Night Group	103633	0.00	50.00
Better Understanding	670079	0.00	0.00	Okeechobee Noon Group	147217	30.00	90.00
Bleeding Deacons	710958	450.00	450.00	Okeechobee Sobriety Group	643907	0.00 0.00	0.00
Easy Does It	149241	30.00	30.00	Okeechobee Women's Group One Page at a Time	648188	0.00	0.00 0.00
Ensollielle (French, seasonal)		0.00	0.00	Primary Purpose Welcome Home	141056	0.00	0.00
Eye Opener	169889	150.00	300.00	Primary Purpose Bayshore	679364	0.00	150.00
First Things First	697413	57.95	184.65	PSL AA Tues. Nite Group	103698	0.00	100.00
Friday Night Men's	604208	0.00	50.00	PSL Sat. AM Men's Group	606637	120.00	240.00
Friendship Group	103470	0.00	0.00	Reach Out Group	714201	10.00	10.00
From Darkness To Light		0.00	0.00	Sisters of Sobriety	700856	0.00	0.00
Gays In Recovery	655112	50.00	50.00	Sour Grapes Group	690990	0.00	0.00
Good Guys North	678914	0.00	25.00	Step Into Action	696779	0.00	0.00
Grupo Renacer Hispano FP (Spa		0.00	0.00	Step Sisters	683996	0.00	0.00
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		0.00	64.00
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	0.00	70.00	Tough Love Group		0.00	0.00
Higher Power Sunday	679339	0.00	0.00	Warriors		0.00	30.00
How It Works-Bayshore	075555	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	0.00	0.00
KISS	108504	0.00	0.00	Westside Ft Pierce	125608	50.00	50.00
Lakewood Park	177727	25.00		Wolff Road Group Okeechobee	703404	0.00	0.00
			65.00	Women Stepping Up	157843	0.00	50.00
Last Call	151221 681809	50.00	20.00	Women's New Beginnings	611306	0.00	0.00
Late Risers Lunch Box	001003	0.00 0.00	150.00			4407 0-	a 670 67
		0.00	0.00	TOTAL AA GP Contributions		1187.95	2673.65

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."

Upcoming Events ...



June 10, 11 & 12, 2016 | Akron, Ohio | Birthplace of A.A.

Celebrate in and tour the hometown of A.A.!

Events mainly on the Campus of the University of Akron

Bus tours tp Historic A.A. sites all day Saturday

Special Motorcade Sunday to Dr. Bob's Grave

Al-Anon Events as well

Registration, Accommodations, Group Plans, Meal Plans, and Schedules

Are all available at <u>www.akronaa.com</u>



60th Annual Florida State Convention "New Freedom New Happiness" August 3rd - August 7th, 2016 at Innisbrook Golf Resort, Palm Harbor, FL

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

June G. Los Angeles, CA; Butch M. Ontario, Canada; Misson W. Jacksonville, FL; Steve A. Sherman Oaks, CA; Cindy J. AFG, Tallahasee, FL; Racy J, NYC, NY; Sheldon F. Las Vegas, NV; Candice M. Los Angeles, CA; Don M. Louisville, KY; Deb H. Fullerton, CA; Roger H. Clearwater, FL.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Marathon Meetings Al-Anon, Alateen, LBGT, Spanish and YPAA Meetings, Workshops and Events Golf, Walk/Run, Horseshoes, Volleyball, Banquets and Ice Cream Socials Merchandise

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION:

www.60.flstateconvention.com 727-871-4622 Email: Chair2016fsc@gmail.com

Preregister and reserve a room by May 15 to be eligible to win a free room upgrade! On the Fifth Step ...

<u>The Fifth Step</u>...

Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

The Fifth Step Principle ...

The principle behind the Fifth Step is Integrity.

<u>A Fifth Step Prayer ...</u>

God, I thank you from the bottom of my heart that I know you better. Help me become aware of anything I have omitted discussing with another person. Help me to do what is necessary to walk a free man at last. Amen (p. 75 Big Book)

On the Fifth Step ...

The Fifth Tradition ...

Each group has but one primary purpose — to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

My Fifth Tradition Checklist ...

1. Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me"?

2. Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the limitations

of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?

3. Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor

or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?

4. Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to whom or to what is in it for me?

5. Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose?

6. Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?