



SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

“Spirit of Rotation”

Hosted by District 9 * Broward County, Florida * October 7th-9th, 2016

Registration Friday 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM; Saturday 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM; Sunday 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Friday, October 7

8:30-9:30 PM	Speaker Meeting
10:00-11:00 PM	Night Owl Meeting
10:00-11:00 PM	Spanish Night Owl Meeting

Saturday, October 8

7:00-8:00 AM	Early Bird Meeting
7:00-8:00 AM	Spanish Early Bird Meeting
8:00-9:00 AM	Concepts Workshop
8:00-9:00 AM	Spanish Concepts Workshop
8:30-10:50 AM	Treatment Facilities Committee
9:00-10:50 AM	Remote Communities Committee
9:00-10:50 AM	State Convention Committee
9:00-10:50 AM	Archives Committee
9:00-10:50 AM	Current Practices Committee
9:00-10:50 AM	Grapevine/La Viña Committee*
9:00-10:50 AM	Literature Committee
9:00-10:50 AM	PI/CPC Committee
9:00-10:50 AM	Special Needs Committee**
9:00-10:50 AM	Area Wide 24 Hour Hotline Ad Hoc Committee
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	Traditions Workshop
11:00 AM-12:30 PM	Spanish Linguistics Committee
12:00 PM-1:30 PM	Website Committee

Saturday, October 8

12:30-1:30 PM	District Chairpersons Meeting
12:30-1:30 PM	District Treasurers Meeting
12:30-1:30 PM	District Secretaries/Registrars Mtg
1:00-1:50 PM	Spanish Traditions Workshop
1:30-3:50 PM	Corrections Committee
2:00-3:50 PM	Finance Committee
2:00-3:50 PM	Intergroup/Central Office
2:00-3:50 PM	GSR Sharing
2:00-3:50 PM	DCM Sharing
2:00-3:50 PM	Quarterly Coordinators Meeting
4:00-5:00 PM	Service Manual Workshop*
5:00-6:00 PM	“What's On Your Mind?”
7:00-8:30 PM	Banquet
8:30-9:30 PM	Speaker Meeting***
10:00-11:00 PM	Night Owl Meeting
10:00-11:00 PM	Spanish Night Owl Meeting

Sunday, October 9

7:00-8:00 AM	Early Bird Meeting
7:00-8:00 AM	Spanish Early Bird Meeting
9:00 AM	South FL Area 15 Business Mtg***

*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 (941) 258-5271 or specialneeds@area15aa.org by 9/30/16.



Saturday Banquet

Banquet Menu

No. of Seared Chicken Breast	_____
No. of Miso Glazed Salmon	_____
No. of Vegetarian Stack	_____
Total Tickets at \$42 each	_____
Total Amount Enclosed	\$_____
Name	_____
Address	_____
City	_____ ST _____ Zip _____
Cell Phone	_____
E-mail	_____
District #	_____ Day you will arrive: <u>Fri or Sat</u>
Guests with special needs (state needs)	

PAYMENTS DUE BY: September 30, 2016

Make checks payable to:

District 9

P.O. Box 100126

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33310-0126

QUESTIONS? Contact Adie M. (Banquet Chair)

Banquet@district9aa.org

Fort Lauderdale Marriott North

6650 N Andrews Avenue

Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309

Phone: 954-771-0440 / Fax: 954-772-9834

Reservations: 800-228-9290

Room Rate: \$109.00

Must be received by September 7th, 2016

Book your group rate for GSA15SFGENERAL

Group Code: GSA15 SF GENERAL

Directions:

I-95 to Exit 33B (Cypress Creek West), turn right at second traffic light onto Andrews, hotel is ½ mile north on the right.

QUESTIONS? Please contact Quarterly Chair

Jackie S. at 954-901-1345 or

quarterlychair@district9aa.org

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



Step Nine

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ST. LUCIE INTERGROUP NEWSLETTER

I N G R A T I T U D E



Does your group know about the resources at Intergroup?

Visit us at
897A NE Prima Vista Blvd.
Port St. Lucie
Purchases are
TAX-FREE!!!



ST LUCIE INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION, INC.

897A NE Prima Vista Blvd.
Port St Lucie, FL 34952
(772) 873-9299

(in the NW corner of Prima Vista & US 1, located in Port St Lucie Plaza)

Visit our website at:

www.aastlucieintergroup.com

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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**

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 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.

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 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**

2016 Group Contributions through July 30

Group	Group #	JULY	YTD	Group	Group #	JULY	YTD
A Desire To Stop GP		0.00	0.00	Lunch Bunch	169623	75.00	525.00
AA Promises GP	671816	0.00	0.00	Men's Sobriety Group	172529	0.00	210.00
Alternate MC Beginners AA GP	645696	0.00	0.00	Midday Matinee	172992	0.00	340.00
An AA Group	706090	0.00	0.00	New Hope Group	163611	0.00	160.00
Back to Basics	617295	0.00	102.00	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		0.00	0.00
Better By The Beach	688860	160.66	374.26	Okeechobee Night Group	103633	50.00	100.00
Better Understanding	670079	0.00	0.00	Okeechobee Noon Group	147217	30.00	210.00
Bleeding Deacons	710958	0.00	450.00	Okeechobee Sobriety Group	643907	0.00	0.00
Easy Does It	149241	0.00	60.00	Okeechobee Women's Group		0.00	0.00
Ensollielle (French, seasonal)		0.00	25.00	One Page at a Time	648188	0.00	0.00
Eye Opener	169889	100.00	750.72	Primary Purpose Welcome Home	141056	0.00	0.00
First Things First	697413	41.21	448.65	Primary Purpose Bayshore	679364	0.00	150.00
Friday Night Men's	604208	0.00	50.00	PSL AA Tues. Nite Group	103698	20.00	145.00
Friendship Group	103470	0.00	0.00	PSL Sat. AM Men's Group	606637	250.00	490.00
From Darkness To Light		0.00	0.00	Reach Out Group	714201	17.00	37.00
Gays In Recovery	655112	0.00	50.00	Sisters of Sobriety	700856	0.00	0.00
Good Guys North	678914	0.00	75.00	Sour Grapes Group	690990	0.00	0.00
Grupo Renacer Hispano FP (Spanish)		0.00	0.00	Step Into Action	696779	143.00	143.00
Grupo Serendad PSL (Spanish)		0.00	0.00	Step Sisters	683996	0.00	0.00
Happy Hour Living Sober	653464	0.00	0.00	Sun Rise 11th Step		0.00	0.00
Heard it thru the Grapevine GP	662713	0.00	0.00	Talking Feathers		20.00	108.00
Helping Hands Group	654010	0.00	70.00	The Future of AA (Young People)	697507	0.00	0.00
Higher Power Sunday	679339	0.00	0.00	Tough Love Group		0.00	0.00
How It Works-Bayshore		0.00	0.00	Warriors		40.00	130.00
Iust For Today	168564	0.00	0.00	Watch your Steps	645676	0.00	0.00
Keep It Simple— Okeechobee	643906	0.00	50.00	We Stopped in Time	669606	0.00	0.00
KISS	127410	00.00	301.05	Westside Ft Pierce	125608	0.00	0.00
Lakewood Park	177727	25.00	165.00	Wolff Road Group Okeechobee	703404	0.00	50.00
Last Call	151221	100.00	150.00	Women Stepping Up	157843	50.00	150.00
Late Risers	681809	150.00	300.00	Women's New Beginnings	611306	0.00	50.00
Lunch Box		0.00	0.00	TOTAL AA GP Contributions		838.87	6317.68

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.

VISIT OUR INTERGROUP OFFICE: 897A NE Prima Vista Blvd. Port St Lucie
Where we offer a wide selection of AA Literature: Books, Pamphlets, Wallet Cards,
Anniversary Cards and CDs, "Chips," Pins, Chip Display Items, Book Covers, Gifts.
Pick up your Where&Whens .Questions? We just might know where to find Answers!!!
VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.aastlucieintergroup.com

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Lunch Box		0.00	0.00	TOTAL AA GP Contributions		890.75	5478.81

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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."

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!!!***

ADDRESSES FOR GROUP DONATIONS

GSO

PO Box 459

Grand Central Station

New York, 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

St. Lucie Intergroup

Association, Inc.

897A NE Prima Vista Blvd.

Port St Lucie, Fl 34952

July Anniversaries

LUNCH BUNCH

Tom T.. 1 yr

Deborah L. 4 yrs

Mike S. 4 yrs

John R. 5 yrs

Jerry F. 9 yrs

Kay S. 11 yrs

BEGIN WHERE YOU ARE

Dimitrius 3 yrs

LAKEWOOD PARK

Chris W. 1 yr

Joe C. 1 yr

Brian A. 2 yrs

Felicia 2 yrs

Joe D. 3 yrs

Kellu P. 14 yrs

Jim P. 21 yrs

Peggy R. 22 yrs

August Anniversaries

LUNCH BUNCH

Chris G. 4 yrs Shaun D. 20 yrs

Grace M. 5 yrs Paul M. 30 yrs.

Tony B. 5 yrs Kathy C. 40 yrs

Hector P. 8 yrs **BEGIN WHERE YOU ARE**

Nancy O. 15 yrs Rex B. 3 yrs

A long-timer in sobriety is approached after an AA meeting by a guy fresh from the ravages of alcoholism, who asks him, 'How did you manage to stay sober for so many years?' The man ponders the question, then his face brightens as he replies, 'I never drink and I never argue with anyone.'

"That's impossible,' barked the newcomer. 'Why that is the stupidest, most simplistic, nonsensical thing I've heard!"

After a long silence, the man smiled gently at the newcomer and said in a calm, even voice: "You may be right."

On the Ninth Step ...

The Ninth Step ...

Made direct amends to such people wherever possible
except when to do so would injure them or others.

The Ninth Step Principle ...

The principle behind the Ninth Step is *Freedom*.

The Ninth Tradition ...

AA, as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service
boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

My Ninth Tradition Checklist ...

1. Do I still try to boss things at AA?
2. Do I resist the formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?
3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all the elements of the AA program — even if no one makes me do so — with a sense of personal responsibility?
4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take?
5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job?
6. Why doesn't every AA group need a constitution and by-laws?
7. Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully — and profit thereby — when the time comes?
8. What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?

On the Ninth Step ...

A Ninth-Step Prayer

God, give me the strength and direction to do the right thing no matter what the consequences may be. **Help me** to consider others and not harm them in any way. **Help me** to consult with others before I take any actions that would cause me to be sorry. **Help me** to not repeat such behaviors. **Show me** the way of Patience, Tolerance, Kindliness, and Love and **help me** live the spiritual life. AMEN

CONTINUING THE PROMISES AFTER STEP NINE

WE ARE GOING TO KNOW A NEW FREEDOM AND A NEW HAPPINESS

The first freedom for me was the best: **freedom from alcohol:**

No hangovers.

No body odor.

No scuzzy mouth.

No blood-shot eyes.

No avoiding eye contact.

No pretending that all was well.

Then other simple things: **happy things:**

Feeling accepted when at a meeting.

Making new friends. Sober people.

Looking better in the mirror.

Clothes staying clean.

Being a better worker.

Keeping commitments.

Getting back handwriting skill (people could now read what I wrote). Not sleeping on the floor after passing out. NOT PASSING OUT! Eating dessert instead of saving calories for booze. Not making phone calls in the middle of the night. Having conversations instead of confrontations. Not weepy and depressed.

These are just a few examples of how changes came to me early on. And this is just the start of the list of the Promises of Step Nine.

(One of our local fellowship members continues her reflections on her path in sobriety and now proceeds to look at how **THE PROMISES of our Big Book** fit into her own toolbox.)