



Infinite Power & Love District 6 Spaghetti Dinner



Feb 3rd ♥ Doors open @ 5:30pm ♥

Polish American Club ♥ 343 Prima Vista Blvd ♥ Port Saint Lucie, FL ♥

Food ♥ Entertainment ♥ Fun ♥ Fellowship ♥ Love
♥ Bring a Dessert to Share ♥

♥ Ticket Contribution \$15 ♥

Note: Vouchers MUST be turned in for actual tickets prior to the event.

Calling all AA Groups & Members: Please bring AA literature for the raffle
♥ if you are willing and able ♥



The 12th Step ...

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



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I N G R A T I T U D E

I STAND BY THE DOOR

By Sam Shoemaker (from the Oxford Group)

I stand by the door.

I neither go too far in, nor stay too far out.

The door is the most important door in the world -
It is the door through which men walk when they
find God.

There is no use my going way inside and staying
there,

When so many are still outside and they, as
much as I,

Crave to know where the door is.

And all that so many ever find

Is only the wall where the door ought to be.

They creep along the wall like blind men,

With outstretched, groping hands,

Feeling for a door, knowing there must be a door,

Yet they never find it.

So I stand by the door.

The most tremendous thing in the world

Is for men to find that door - the door to God.

The most important thing that any man can do

Is to take hold of one of those blind, groping
hands

And put it on the latch - the latch that only clicks

And opens to the man's own touch.

Men die outside the door, as starving beggars
die

On cold nights in cruel cities in the dead of win-
ter.

Die for want of what is within their grasp.

They live on the other side of it - live because
they have not found it.

Nothing else matters compared to helping them
find it,

And open it, and walk in, and find Him.

So I stand by the door.

Go in great saints; go all the way in -

Go way down into the cavernous cellars,

And way up into the spacious attics.

It is a vast, roomy house, this house where God
is.

Go into the deepest of hidden casements,
Of withdrawal, of silence, of sainthood.

Some must inhabit those inner rooms

And know the depths and heights of God,

And call outside to the rest of us how wonderful it
is.

Sometimes I take a deeper look in.

Sometimes venture in a little farther,

But my place seems closer to the opening.

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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
Except July 1 in Room 248
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

Service Opportunities? Get some right here!!! Pass It Around!

Volunteers needed for District 6's Third Annual Info Booth at the 2018 St. Lucie County Fair, February 23-March 4. Help Carry The Message for a few hours and get free Fair Admission and Parking Pass for the day. Pick a day and time that works for you! For info, contact Terry M. at 203-824-3740 or via email: PICPC@district6aa.org

Everyone is invited to learn about ways we can CARRY THE MESSAGE! Saturday, March 23, will be District 6's first CARRY THE MESSAGE DAY at The Crossing Church, 8103 Indrio Road, Fort Pierce. Intergroup, District and Central Office Servants will have displays, workshops on a variety of service topics and will be sharing their Experience, Strength and Hope in Service. Breakfast and Lunch will be served ... AND ITS ALL FREE!!!! SPONSORS: Tell your Sponsees! Heck, tell Everybody! **More Will Be Revealed!!!**
Or register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H8RD5FJ>

ADDRESSES FOR GROUP DONATIONS

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I STAND BY THE DOOR

There is another reason why I stand there.
Some people get part way in and become afraid
Lest God and the zeal of His house devour them;
For God is so very great and asks all of us.
And these people feel a cosmic claustrophobia
And want to get out. 'Let me out!' they cry.
And the people way inside only terrify them more.
Somebody must be by the door to tell them that they are spoiled.
For the old life, they have seen too much:
One taste of God and nothing but God will do any more.
Somebody must be watching for the frightened
Who seek to sneak out just where they came in,
To tell them how much better it is inside.
The people too far in do not see how near these are
To leaving - preoccupied with the wonder of it all.
Somebody must watch for those who have entered the door
But would like to run away. So for them too,
I stand by the door.

I admire the people who go way in.
But I wish they would not forget how it was
Before they got in. Then they would be able to help
The people who have not yet even found the door.
Or the people who want to run away again from God.
You can go in too deeply and stay in too long
And forget the people outside the door.
As for me, I shall take my old accustomed place,
Near enough to God to hear Him and know He is there,
But not so far from men as not to hear them,
And remember they are there too.
Where? Outside the door -
Thousands of them. Millions of them.
But - more important for me -
One of them, two of them, ten of them.
Whose hands I am intended to put on the latch.
So I shall stand by the door and wait
For those who seek it.

'I had rather be a door-keeper, So I stand by the door.

2017 Group Contributions thru November 31

GROUP	Group #	NOV	YTD	GROUP	Group #	NOV	YTD
A Desire To Stop GP		0.00	0.00	Lunch Box Ft.Pierce		0.00	0.00
AA Promises GP	671816	0.00	0.00	Lunch Bunch PSL	169623	150.00	300.00
Alternate MC Beginners AA GP	645696	0.00	0.00	Men's Sobriety Group	172529	0.00	300.00
Back to Basics	617295	0.00	558.00	Midday Matinee	172992	0.00	0.00
Bayside GP	134955	0.00	262.62	New Hope Group	163611	0.00	325.00
Begin Where You Are	666125	0.00	0.00	New Windmill Point	148626	0.00	0.00
Better By The Beach	688860	0.00	759.76	Okeechobee Discussion		0.00	0.00
Better Understanding	670079	130.00	130.00	Okeechobee Night Group	103633	0.00	502.00
Bleeding Deacons	710958	0.00	200.00	Okeechobee Noon Group	147217	30.00	300.00
Easy Does It	149241	0.00	300.00	Okeechobee Sobriety Group	643907	0.00	0.00
Emotional Sobriety Group		0.00	0.00	Okeechobee Women's Group		0.00	0.00
Ensollielle (French, seasonal)	681471	0.00	50.00	Primary Purpose Welcome Home	141056	0.00	200.00
Eye Opener	169889	100.00	8900.00	Primary Purpose Bayshore	679364	0.00	275.00
First Things First	697413	0.00	268.11	PSL AA Tues. Nite Group	103698	0.00	280.00
Friday Night Men's	604208	0.00	50.00	PSL Sat. AM Men's Group	606637	0.00	1500.00
Friendship Group	103470	0.00	162.29	Reach Out Group	714201	0.00	45.00
From Darkness To Light		0.00	0.00	Sisters of Sobriety	700856	0.00	0.00
Future of AA (Young People)	697507	410.00	410.00	Step Into Action	696779	0.00	157.00
Gays In Recovery	655112	25.00	60.00	Step Sisters	683996	0.00	80.00
Good Guys North	678914	0.00	0.00	Sun Rise 11th Step		0.00	0.00
Grupo Renacer Hispano FP (Spanish)		0.00	0.00	Talking Feathers		0.00	21.00
Grupo Serendad PSL (Spanish)		0.00	15.00	Tough Love Group		0.00	0.00
Happy Hour Living Sober	653464	0.00	1150.00	Warriors		0.00	70.00
Heard it thru the Grapevine GP	662713	0.00	0.00	Watch your Steps	645676	0.00	50.00
Helping Hands Group	654010	0.00	120.00	We Stopped in Time	669606	0.00	146.00
Higher Power Sunday	679339	0.00	100.00	Westside Group Ft Pierce	125608	0.00	0.00
How It Works-Bayshore		0.00	0.00	Wolff Road Group Okeechobee	703404	0.00	25.00
Just For Today	168564	60.00	110.00	Women Stepping Up	157843	0.00	200.00
Keep It Simple— Okeechobee	643906	0.00	0.00	Women's New Beginnings	611306	0.00	150.00
KISS	127410	0.00	450.00				
Lakewood Park	177727	40.00	415.00				
Last Call	151221	0.00	0.00				
Late Risers	681809	0.00	800.00	TOTAL AA GP Contributions		858.00	12169.78

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

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."

ST. LUCIE INTERGROUP

26th ANNUAL Volunteer Recognition



BUFFET



Saturday, January 20, 2018

(Formerly the Lasagna Dinner)

Featuring

Roast Pork
Lemon Chicken
Baked Ziti
Veggies, Spuds
and Salads

Please bring a dessert to share

Doors open at 5, Dinner at 6
Speaker at 7 p.m.

Sobriety Countdown, 50/50

And Raffles

Tickets \$12

Call Office at (772) 873-9299

Or Purchase at the door

If willing, please bring AA Conference-
Approved Literature for raffle prizes



On the First Step ...

The First Step ...

We admitted we were powerless over alcohol — that our lives had become unmanageable.

Bill W. on Tradition One, 1947

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Our whole AA program is securely founded on the principle of humility that is to say, perspective. Which implies, among other things, that we relate ourselves rightly to God and to our fellows; that we each see ourselves as we really are -- "a small part of a great whole". Seeing our fellows thus, we shall enjoy group harmony. That is why AA Tradition can confidently state, "Our common welfare comes first."

"Does this mean," some will ask, "that in AA the individual doesn't count too much? Is he to be swallowed up, dominated by the group?"

No, it doesn't seem to work out that way. Perhaps there is no society on earth more solicitous of personal welfare, more careful to grant the individual the greatest possible liberty of belief and action. Alcoholics Anonymous has no "musts." Few AA groups impose penalties on anyone for nonconformity. We do suggest, but we don't discipline. Instead, compliance or noncompliance with any principle of AA is a matter for the conscience of the individual; he is the judge of his own conduct. Those words of old time, "judge not," we observe most literally.

"But," some of us argue, "if AA has no authority to govern its individual members or groups, how shall it ever be sure that the common welfare does come first? How is it possible to be governed without a government? If everyone can do as he pleases, how can you have aught but anarchy?"

The answer seems to be that we AA's cannot really do as we please, though there is no constituted human authority to restrain us. Actually, our common welfare is protected by powerful safeguards. The moment any action seriously threatens the common welfare, group opinion mobilizes to remind us; our conscience begins to complain. If one persists, he may become so disturbed as to get drunk; alcohol gives him a beating. Group opinion shows him that he is off the beam, his own conscience tells him that he is dead wrong, and, if he goes too far, Barleycorn brings him real conviction.

So it is we learn that in matters deeply affecting the group as a whole, "our common welfare comes first." Rebellion ceases and cooperation begins because it must; we have disciplined ourselves.

Eventually, of course, we cooperate because we really wish to; we see that without AA there can be little lasting recovery for anyone. We gladly set aside personal ambitions whenever these might harm AA. We humbly confess that we are but "a small part of a great whole."

On the First Step ...

The First Step Principle...

The principle behind the First Step is Acceptance.

Tradition One...

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on AA unity.

The First Tradition Checklist ...

1. Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person, or am I divisive? What about gossip taking other members' inventories?
2. Am I a peacemaker? Or do I, with pious preludes such as "just for the sake of discussion," plunge into argument?
3. Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I abrasive?
4. Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or contrasting AA in one place with AA in another?"
5. Do I put down some AA activities as if I were superior for not participating in this or that aspect of AA?
6. Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support, in every way I can, AA as a whole, or just the parts I understand and approve of?
7. Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me?
8. Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?
9. Do I go to enough AA meetings or read enough AA literature to really keep in touch?
10. Do I share with AA all of me, the bad and the good, accepting as well as giving the help of fellowship?