



# SOARING INTO SERVICE

## SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15 GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY JULY 6-8, 2018

Hosted by District 2 Hillsborough & East Pasco Counties, Florida

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

**Friday, July 6th**  
6:30-8:20pm Inventory Ad-Hoc Comm. Meeting  
8:30-9:30pm Speaker Meeting\*\*\*  
10:00-11:00pm Night Owl Meeting  
10:00-11:00pm Spanish Night Owl Meeting

**Saturday, July 7th**  
7:00-8:00am Early Bird Meeting  
7:00-8:00am Spanish Early Bird Meeting  
8:00-9:00am Concepts Workshop  
8:00-9:00am Spanish Concepts Workshop  
8:30-10:50am Treatment Facilities Committee  
9:00-10:50am Remote Communities Committee  
9:00-10:50am State Convention Committee  
9:00-10:50am Archives Committee  
9:00-10:50am Current Practices Committee  
9:00-10:50am Grapevine/La Viña Committee\*  
9:00-10:50am Literature Committee  
9:00-10:50am PI/CPC Committee  
9:00-10:50am Accessibilities Committee\*\*  
11:00-12:30pm Spanish Linguistic Committee  
11:00-12:00pm Traditions Workshop  
12:00-1:30pm Website Committee

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

**Sunday, July 8th**  
7:00-8:00am Early Bird Meeting  
7:00-8:00am Spanish Early Bird Meeting  
9:00am South FL Area 15 Business Meeting\*\*\*

\*Spanish Language Interpreter provided; \*\* ASL Interpreter Provided (if requested); \*\*\*ASL (if requested) and Spanish Language Interpreter Provided. Arrangements for Accessibilities accommodations at any meeting, workshop, hotel room with wheelchair access or interpreter for the hearing impaired for the Sunday morning business meeting can be made by contacting the Area Accessibilities Chair at [accessibilities@area15aa.org](mailto:accessibilities@area15aa.org) by 6/31/18.

### SATURDAY BANQUET

No. of Citrus Chicken \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of Meat Lasagna \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of Vegetarian/Vegan \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Tickets at \$45 each \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_  
Guests with special dietary needs  
(state needs): \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENTS DUE BY: June 20, 2018**

Make checks payable to: District 2

P.O. Box 996

Riverview, FL 33568

**QUESTIONS? Contact Banquet Chair at**  
[July18Banquet@gmail.com](mailto:July18Banquet@gmail.com)

### Marriott Tampa Airport

4200 George J. Bean Parkway, Tampa, Florida 33607

#### Hotel Room Reservations:

(800) 228-9290 or (813) 879-5151

Room Rate: \$109.00 per night

Reference: "South Florida General Service Conference"

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS OPEN ON APRIL 9, 2018 AND**

**MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 6, 2018**

**For hotel room cancellations OR to be placed  
on a hotel room wait list, please contact:**

**Ty, Quarterly Hotel Liaison, at:**  
[hotelinfo@area15aa.org](mailto:hotelinfo@area15aa.org)

**Directions from South: Take I-275 North to Exit 39 for FL-60 West  
toward FL-589 Clearwater/Tampa Airport,  
Keep right to continue on George J. Bean Pkwy,  
follow signs to Marriott Tampa Airport.**

#### QUESTIONS? Please contact

Jim M., Quarterly Assembly Chair, at:

[altchair@aatampa.org](mailto:altchair@aatampa.org) or 502-836-2688

or Ty M., Quarterly Hotel Liaison, at:

[hotelinfo@area15aa.org](mailto:hotelinfo@area15aa.org) or (813) 805-7300





## Step Four

*Made a searching and fearless moral  
inventory of ourselves*



## *Carry the Message? Challenge Accepted!!!*

District 6 Committees bring workshops on Service opportunities to Crossing Church in Lakewood Park March 24, to show our AAs how they can be more effective and involved in Carrying the Message to those reaching out for Sobriety.



ST LUCIE INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION, INC.

883 E 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](http://www.aastlucieintergroup.com)

Where you can view and download PDF copies of this and recent newsletters

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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  
(Except July in Room 248)

Come support your  
District!!

Visit [district6aa.org](http://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 our District 6  
Treatment Committee BTG  
Coordinator Chris B:  
[Cbrady561@gmail.com](mailto:Cbrady561@gmail.com)  
1-561-628-3604

**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](mailto:stlucieintergroup@att.net)**

# This AA Joined After Losing It All, Now His Life Is Good

I didn't *have* to lose everything to become a member of AA.

When I was getting divorced, the only way I knew how to cope was to go to the local strip and drink at the bars and nightclubs. It was the excitement that would make me happy.

I wasn't drowning my sorrows, I was

going out having fun. Maybe meet my next wife, I thought.

I went out every night. During the day I had my own business, a breakfast and lunch diner. A cozy place for the regular folks and it's how I made a living.

There were many times I stayed out all night, closing the bars and sometimes staying after hours. Then I would show up at the diner, my diner, and my customers would be waiting outside for me to open up so they could start their day with a cup of coffee.

I started doing this a lot. Sometimes getting there an hour after opening time. My customers started to dwindle away. I started getting angry with them. There were times I would have an attitude in my own place.

There came a day when no one would show up to eat or even get a cup of coffee. "Where did everyone go?" I would ask myself.

With no customers, I wouldn't make enough money to pay the bills at the diner. I did manage to save money, but I was spending it at the bars. I ended up giving up the diner to the landlord. I couldn't pay the rent.

"My customers stopped coming!" I would complain to the landlord and everyone I knew. One of my friends told me it might be the way I was

drinking. "Nah, not me!"

But I did remember right before the diner closed up, some lady handed me a pamphlet: "Is AA for You".

When I did finally get to AA, I was asked to have an open mind and listen for a while. I would go to speaker meetings and I heard that many men had gotten divorced, lost their families, their business and their homes. I looked at my own life and I understood; I could relate to that.

But every speaker had another commonality, something that I didn't have: *their* lives were on track. New homes and work, great jobs and they were happy all due to their higher power and the program of AA.

I got the message: "Don't drink and go to meetings!" Then I got a sponsor and a homegroup.

It was from the support of my homegroup, my sponsor and the 12 steps that I turned my life around. I went back to college and got a degree in computers and started a new career.

Today it's easy to say that my life changed, that life is good, that I have learned to cope with life's situations and I am overall happy, due to my higher power and the program of AA.

*David M., AA Member, Port St. Lucie*

## ADDRESSES FOR GROUP DONATIONS

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

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

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

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



# 2018 Group Contributions thru February 28

GROUP	Group #	FEB	YTD	GROUP	Group #	FEB	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	0.00	3000
Alternate MC Beginners AA GP	645696	0.00	0.00	Men's Sobriety Group	172529	0.00	100.00
Back To Basics	617295	158.00	158.00	Midday Matinee	172992	0.00	0.00
Bayside GP	134955	0.00	0.00	New Hope Group	163611	0.00	0.00
Begin Where You Are	666125	0.00	0.00	New Windmill Point	148626	0.00	0.00
Better By The Beach	688860	0.00	174.20	Okeechobee Discussion		0.00	0.00
Better Understanding	670079	0.00	3.00	Okeechobee Night Group	103633	160.00	160.00
Bleeding Deacons	710958	0.00	0.00	Okeechobee Noon Group	147217	30.00	60.00
Easy Does It	149241	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	Primary Purpose Welcome Home	141056	0.00	0.00
Eye Opener	169889	50.00	200.00	Primary Purpose Bayshore	679364	100.00	100.00
First Things First	697413	0.00	300.00	PSL AA Tues. Nite Group	103698	0.00	40.00
Friday Night Men's	604208	0.00	0.00	PSL Sat. AM Men's Group	606637	0.00	0.00
Friendship Group	103470	49.50	49.50	Reach Out Group	714201	0.00	0.00
From Darkness To Light		0.00	0.00	Sisters of Sobriety	700856	0.00	0.00
Gays In Recovery	655112	50.00	50.00	Step Into Action	696779	80.00	80.00
Good Guys North	678914	0.00	0.00	Step Sisters	683996	0.00	0.00
Grupo Renacer Hispano FP (Spanish)		0.00	0.00	Sun Rise 11th Step		0.00	0.00
Grupo Serendad PSL (Spanish)		0.00	0.00	Talking Feathers		0.00	0.00
Happy Hour Living Sober	653464	0.00	375.00	Tough Love Group		0.00	0.00
Heard it thru the Grapevine GP	662713	0.00	0.00	Warriors		0.00	0.00
Helping Hands Group	654010	0.00	50.00	Watch your Steps	645676	0.00	0.00
Higher Power Sunday	679339	0.00	0.00	We Stopped in Time	669606	0.00	0.00
How It Works-Bayshore		0.00	0.00	Westside Group Ft Pierce	125608	70.00	75.00
Just For Today	168564	0.00	0.00	Wolff Road Group Okeechobee	703404	0.00	0.00
Keep It Simple— Okeechobee	643906	0.00	0.00	Women Stepping Up	157843	0.00	50.00
KISS	127410	0.00	250.00	Women's New Beginnings	611306	0.00	0.00
Lakewood Park	177727	40.00	80.00				
Last Call	151221	0.00	0.00				
Late Risers	681809	250.00	250.00	<b>TOTAL AA GP Contributions</b>		<b>882.50</b>	<b>2651.70</b>

**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."**

## ONLINE MEETING GUIDE

NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR HOMEPAGE:

<http://aastlucieintergroup.com>

FOLLOW THIS LINK

*Online Meeting Guide: The Meeting App*

<http://aastlucieintergroup.com/meetings/>

FIND A MEETING

## STEP INTO ACTION

[Back to Meetings](#)

Get Directions

### Meeting Information

Monday, 7:30 pm

### ALL VILLAGES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2 other meetings at this location

1550 SW Heatherwood Blvd  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

Updated April 10, 2018

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1550 SW Heatherwood Blvd  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

Directions

GET A SCHEDULE,  
MAP AND  
DIRECTIONS!!!

Search	Q	Everywhere	Tuesday	Any Time	List	Map
Time	Meeting	Location	Address	Region		
6:30 am	FIRST THINGS FIRST GROUP	BAYSHORE CLUB	\$545 US-1	Port St. Lucie		
7:30 am	BEGIN WHERE YOU ARE	NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH	217 US-1	Fort Pierce		
8:00 am	EYE OPENER GROUP	BAYSHORE CLUB	\$545 US-1	Port St. Lucie		
10:00 am	LATE RISERS GROUP	BAYSHORE CLUB	\$545 US-1	Port St. Lucie		
10:00 am	ENSEMBLE GROUP	THE CROSSINGS CHURCH	\$103 Indira Rd	Fort Pierce		

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2nfvf9DeDA7QYvLeq4pQ-w>

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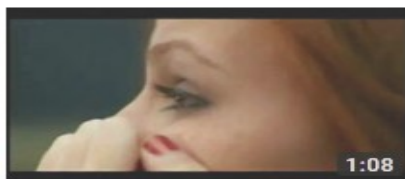
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## *On the Fourth Step ...*

### The Fourth Step ...

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

### The Fourth Step Principle ...

The principle behind the Fourth Step is Courage.



#### Fourth Step Prayers ...

The Inventory suggested by the Fourth Step can be regarded as such a challenging prospect that it is often postponed. So a number of prayers have been composed based on the Big Book to offer reassur-

#### *A Fourth Step Resentment Prayer:*

"God, Please help me to be free of anger and to see that the world and its people have dominated me. Show me that the wrong-doing of others, fancied or real, has the power to actually kill me. Help me to master my resentments by understanding that the people who wrong me were perhaps spiritually sick. Please help me show those I resent the same Tolerance, Pity and Patience that I would cheerfully grant a sick friend.\*\* Help me to see that this is a sick man. Father, please show me how I can be helpful to him and save me from being angry. Lord, help me to avoid retaliation or argument. I know I can't be helpful to all people, but at least show me how to take a kindly and tolerant view of each and every one. Thy will be done."(66:2, 66:3, 66:4, 67:0, 67:1)

#### *A Freedom from Bondage Prayer:*

Dear God, I have a resentment towards a person that I want to be free of. So, I am asking you to give this person everything I want for myself. Help me to feel compassionate understanding and love for this person. I pray that they will receive everything they need. Thank you God for your help and strength with this resentment. (BB, Freedom from Bondage: 552)

#### *An Example of Fear Prayer:*

"God, thank you for helping me be honest enough to see this truth about myself and now that you have shown me the truth about my fears, please remove these fears from me. Lord, please help me outgrow my fears and direct my attention to what you would have me be. Father, demonstrate through me and help me become that which you would have me be. Help me do thy will always, Amen.(68:3)

## *On the Fourth Step ...*

### **The Fourth Tradition ...**

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting  
other groups or AA as a whole.

### **My Fourth Tradition Checklist ...**

1. Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA?
2. Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
3. Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine or do I learn from it?
4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths — his lengths, not mine — to stay sober?
6. Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?