



62nd Florida State Convention 2018

Wednesday, August 15th – Sunday, August 19th
www.FloridaStateConvention.com
 Fort Lauderdale Harbor Beach Marriott Resort and Spa
 Fort Lauderdale, Florida
www.MarriottHarborBeach.com

PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES



AA, Al-Anon, and Alateen Meetings and Workshops; Open Captions and ASL Interpreting; LGBT, Spanish Speaking, and Young Peoples Meetings and Workshops; Friday and Saturday Banquets and Ice Cream Socials; Exclusive Convention Merchandise; Sports Activities including Golf, 2 Mile Beach Walk/Run, Beach Horseshoes, and Beach Volleyball; Dances and Entertainment; Marathon Meetings and Oldtimers Meeting; Grapevine, Archives and Out-of-State Archives Displays; Meditation on the Beach and Yoga.

GUEST SPEAKERS



Arnold R.
(Baltimore, MD)

Chris H.
(Cleveland, OH)

Cindy F.
(Fairfax, VA)

Clif G.
(Oklahoma City, OK)

Diana E.
(Prescott, AZ)

Dr. Fingers
(Union, NJ)
ASL Interpreter

Gail L.
(Akron, OH/Villages, FL)
Workshops

Harold L.
(St. Louis, MO)

Jack C.
(Sylmar, CA)
Al-Anon

Jacob B.
(New Orleans, LA)

Rosie T.
(Lakewood, CA)

Theresa Q.
(Pompano Beach, FL)

Tim H.
(Louisville, KY)

Open Captions
at all meetings

HOST HOTEL INFORMATION

FORT LAUDERDALE HARBOR BEACH MARRIOTT RESORT & SPA

AAA rated 4 Diamond Resort
 3030 Holiday Drive, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
www.MarriottHarborBeach.com
 954-525-4000
 800-222-6543

Convention Code: 62nd Florida State Convention
 Phone reservations accepted after September 15, 2017
 Direct Reservation Link: <https://aws.passkey.com/e/49166705>

RATES :

Standard King/Double
 \$159.00

Oceanview
 \$179.00

Sunrise/Florida Suite
 \$325.00

Rates will be honored 3 days before and 3 days after the convention dates, based on availability.



**RESERVATIONS MUST
BE RECEIVED BY THE HOTEL
BEFORE JULY 20, 2018**

All rooms are subject to state and local taxes.
 THIS HOTEL IS NON-SMOKING.
 Check-in 4 P.M. – Check-out 11 A.M.
 Onsite Parking Rates: \$10/day Self Parking &
 \$20/day Valet Parking



Step Six

We're entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

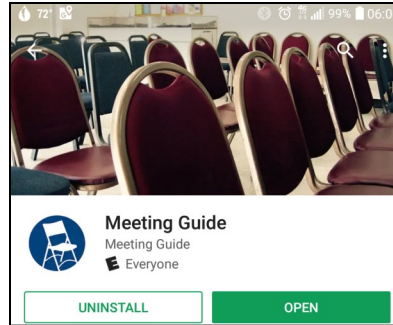


Our meetings now listed “Everywhere!”

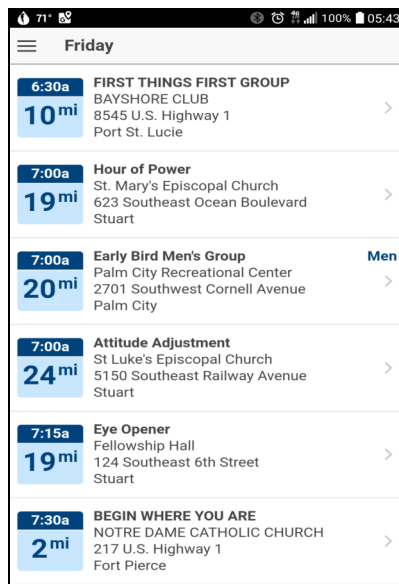
A pair of “Snowbirds,” Kim and Jim, walked from their sailboat into a downtown morning meeting in Fort Pierce last month.

“It was great to find this morning meeting today; we walked over from the marina,” Jim said. “Having it right there on the phone? It’s really the Best Thing!”

Jim didn’t know that the meetings



Free download from Google or Apple app stores



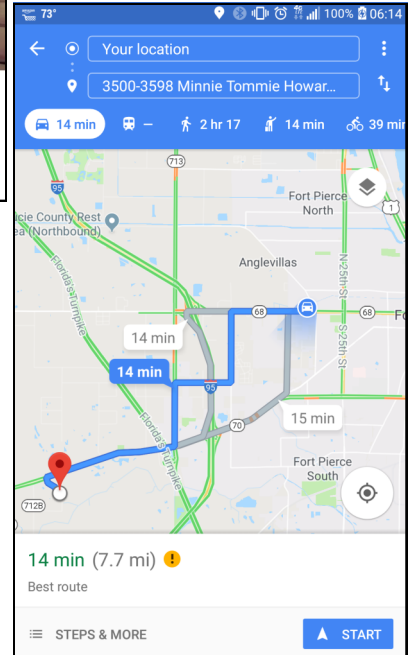
Meetings are organized by day, time and proximity and can be customized

in St. Lucie and Okeechobee counties had only been in a smartphone app called the Meeting Guide for a few days. The St. Lucie Intergroup had just added a plug-in to its website a week earlier to enable that listing.

A local member of that morning group said he’d lately been in New York City and had found a meeting on Wall Street through the Meeting Guide app. He was the new guy at that Speaker Meeting of bankers and stock brokers ... so ... he was the speaker!

A California AA’s idea that online AA meeting lists would be handy

has become a free smartphone app offering meeting schedules, descriptions, locations and even maps



Map and driving directions offered to all Meetings

and driving directions. The Meeting Guide is available from both the Apple iTunes and Google Play app stores.

One volunteer at our Intergroup

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883 E Prima Vista Blvd.
Port St Lucie, FL 34952
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(in the NW corner of Prima Vista & US 1, located in Port St Lucie Plaza)

Visit our website at:

www.aastlucieintergroup.com

Where you can view and 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

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

**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
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**

Find a Meeting? “Yes, There’s an App for That!”



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Office pointed out that the app makes it very easy to help callers find meetings according to preferences for location, time and weekday, proximity and specialty like Womens or Beginners meetings.

St. Lucie, Martin and Indian River Counties’ Intergroups had added their local meeting lists in Meeting Guide formats to their websites over the past few months. Martin’s is also available in the National data-

base and App, so District Six meetings from Lakewood Park to Okeechobee to Hobe Sound are now searchable from anywhere.

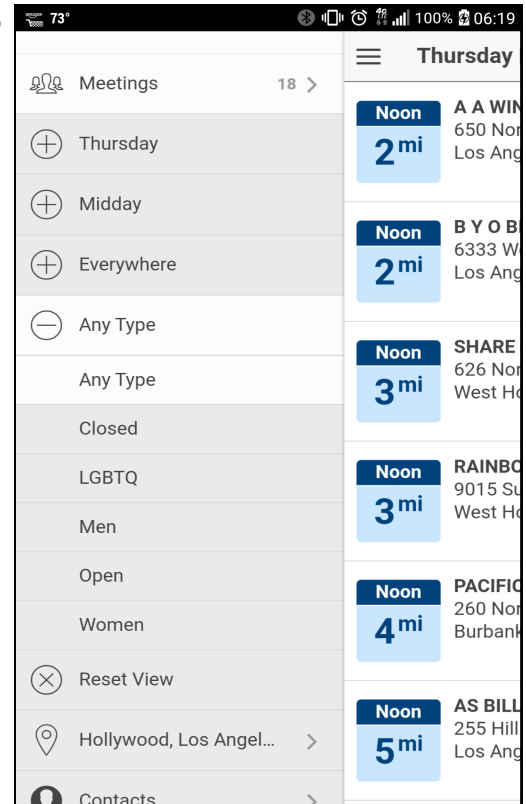
The Meeting Guide website <https://meetingguide.org> includes detailed information about the project and how the Meeting Guide app can to be offered as a service to AAs.

The [Concerns](#) page, in particular, addresses how the Meeting Guide complies with our AA Traditions:

“#4: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole: How can groups remain independent while federating their data into a single app? We believe that we have found an elegant solution to this problem. This system of a distributed worldwide database allows individual sites to remain fully autonomous, while still contributing to the whole. And this is not 'our' system, this is AA's system. We have simply developed a protocol that other apps in the future might make use of as well.

#5: Each group has but one primary purpose — to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers: We believe this is the best reason to participate in the app. We help intergroups connect alcoholics with their AA meeting listings.

#6: An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related



facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose: We don't believe that we are an "outside enterprise," we are an AA service organization in the same sense that a YPAA is. Furthermore, we don't believe that organizations that participate are endorsing us. They are free to link to us from their websites, and many do, but this is not a requirement. Finally, AA service entities make use of outside services all the time. They list their information in telephone directories, some take ads in public places. Most today worry about their website's search engine optimization. We are like an AA search engine.

Meanwhile there are many other apps and websites that copy meeting information from AA websites and list it without permission or attribution, some for a fee or with ads, and many inaccurately. We are the opposite. We get permission first, we attribute our information, we don't charge or run ads, and we maintain our listings assiduously.

#11: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films: Our App Store listings are fully anonymous as of August 2017.”

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 March 31

GROUP	Group #	MARCH	YTD	GROUP	Group #	MARCH	YTD
A Desire To Stop GP		0.00	121.00	Lunch Bunch PSL	169623	300.00	300.00
AA Promises GP	671816	0.00	0.00	Men's Sobriety Group	172529	150.00	250.00
Alternate MC Beginners AA GP	645696	0.00	0.00	Midday Matinee	172992	0.00	0.00
Back To Basics	617295	0.00	158.00	New Hope Group	163611	0.00	100.00
Bayside GP	134955	0.00	0.00	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	254.50	408.70	Okeechobee Night Group	103633	0.00	160.00
Better Understanding	670079	0.00	0.00	Okeechobee Noon Group	147217	0.00	120.00
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
Emotional Sobriety Group		0.00	0.00	Primary Purpose Welcome Home	141056	0.00	150.00
Ensollielle (French, seasonal)	681471	50.00	100.00	Primary Purpose Bayshore	679364	0.00	100.00
Eye Opener	169889	100.00	400.00	PSL AA Tues. Nite Group	103698	0.00	80.00
First Things First	697413	258.00	558.00	PSL Mens Group Tuesday	163940	0.00	20.00
Friday Night Men's	604208	0.00	0.00	PSL Sat. AM Men's Group	606637	0.00	300.00
Friendship Group	103470	0.00	191.50	Reach Out Group	714201	.00	25.00
From Darkness To Light		0.00	0.00	Sisters of Sobriety	700856	0.00	0.00
Gays In Recovery	655112	0.00	50.00	Step Into Action	696779	0.00	80.00
Good Guys North	678914	0.00	25.00	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		32.00	32.00
Happy Hour Living Sober	653464	0.00	625.00	Tough Love Group		0.00	0.00
Heard it thru the Grapevine GP	662713	0.00	0.00	Wake-Up Group		0.00	0.00
Helping Hands Group	654010	0.00	50.00	Warriors		80.00	80.00
Higher Power Sunday	679339	20.00	200.00	Watch your Steps	645676	0.00	75.00
Just For Today	168564	0.00	80.00	We Stopped in Time	669606	0.00	0.00
Keep It Simple— Okeechobee	643906	0.00	0.00	Westside Group Ft Pierce	125608	0.00	50.00
KISS	127410	0.00	250.00	Wolff Road Group Okeechobee	703404	50.00	50.00
Lakewood Park	177727	40.00	160.00	Women Stepping Up	157843	0.00	100.00
Last Call	151221	0.00	0.00	Women's New Beginnings	611306	0.00	0.00
Late Risers	681809	0.00	250.00				
Lunch Box Ft. Pierce		0.00	0.00	TOTAL AA GP Contributions		1456.50	5699.20

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

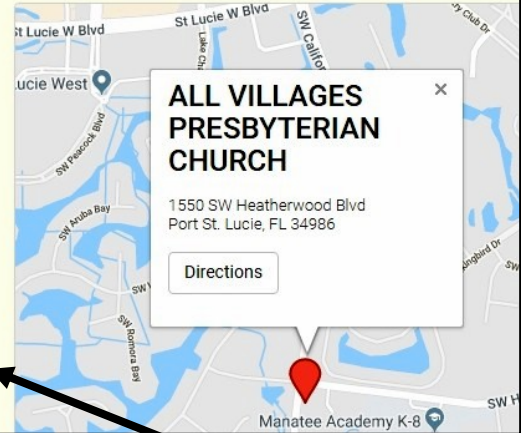
Monday, 7:30 pm

ALL VILLAGES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2 other meetings at this location

1550 SW Heatherwood Blvd
Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

Updated April 10, 2018



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 Indrio Rd	Fort Pierce		

AA Public Information now has a YouTube Channel. Find it at:

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

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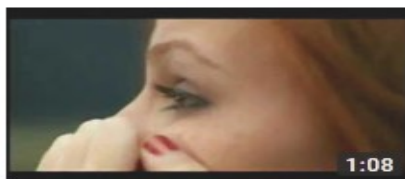
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Alcoholics Anonymous Public Service Announcements (PSAs)



Doors

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My World

Alcoholics Anonymous World ...
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I have Hope

Alcoholics Anonymous World ...
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On the Sixth Step ...

The Sixth Step ...

Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

The Sixth Step Principle ...

The principle behind the 6th Step is *WILLINGNESS*.

The Sixth Tradition ...

An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

My Sixth Tradition Checklist ...

1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with “Guidelines on Clubs”, which is available free from GSO?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor’s advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and a card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?

On the Sixth Step ...

A Sixth Step Prayer ...

GOD HELP ME BECOME
WILLING TO LET GO OF ALL
THE THINGS TO WHICH I
STILL CLING. HELP ME TO BE
READY TO LET YOU RE-
MOVE ALL OF THESE DE-
FECTS, THAT YOUR WILL
AND PURPOSE MAY TAKE
THEIR PLACE. AMEN

(P. 76 OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, "THE BIG BOOK")