



District 6

45th Annual Gratitude Dinner

November 16th, 2019

First Presbyterian Church

520 Royal Palm Blvd, Vero Beach, FL 32960

Doors open at 5:30pm *Dinner 6pm* Speaker 8pm

BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE

Tickets are \$15 and a limited number will be available

***Note: Vouchers MUST be turned in for actual tickets prior to the event.
Tickets can NOT be obtained at the door. You must have a ticket to attend***

Raffle and Clothesline

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

**Door prize: Registration for 2 & Hotel for 1 night at the
Florida State Convention 2019**



Step Ten

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.



2019

Source of AA's remarkable success? Attraction, not Promotion

AA's policy of attraction has produced some remarkable results over the years. The recognition AA has received has been unsolicited and comes as the result of our collective and individual commitment to the Twelve Traditions. Our Traditions were the creation of our co-founder, Bill W., the most unlikely source of such powerful, selfless principles.

Bill Wilson was a shameless self promoter, making millions of dollars on Wall Street, stating frequently of his desire to be the "Number One Man", aggressively trying to sell his ideas and schemes to anyone who would listen. We can read of Bill's history in his story in the Big Book. As Alcoholics Anonymous grew, Wilson became its principal symbol. He helped create a governing structure for the program, the General Service Board, and then turned over his power. "I have become a pupil of the A.A. movement rather than the teacher," he wrote. A smoker into his 70s, he died of pneumonia and emphysema in Miami, where he went for treatment in 1971. To the end, he clung to the principles and the power of anonymity. He was always Bill W., refusing to take money for counseling and leadership. He turned down many honors, including a degree from Yale. And he declined an offer from Time Magazine to put him on the cover—even

with his back turned. On June 14, 1999, under the category of HEROES & ICONS, Bill Wilson was again recognized by Time Magazine in its list of the *100 Greatest Persons of the Century*. Some other names on that list include the likes of Mother Teresa, Helen Keller, Anne Frank, Rosa Parks, Charles Lindbergh, and Muhammad Ali. This tremendous honor was achieved without any promotion, after his death, and I imagine if Bill were still alive, he would have turned down the honor.

In June of 2012, The Library of Congress opened an exhibition celebrating "Books That Shaped America," a display of 88 books that they've deemed to have the most influence on American culture. Here is a press release from The Library of Congress about one of the books included in that exhibition:

(NEW YORK) – It's never been on The New York Times Best Seller list. Yet the "Big Book," A.A. members' fond name for the book Alcoholics Anonymous, is now designated by the Library of Congress as one of the 88 "Books That Shaped America," and is included in the library's new exhibition.

While we cannot know what impact A.A.'s basic

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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

The next district meeting on
June 11 will be in the
Registration Building on the
campus, upstairs in room
W243.

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 third 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)**

Corrections Committee the 1st Saturday of month 10:30 a.m.

D.C.Ms the 2nd Saturday of month, 10:30 a.m.

..... the 3rd Saturday of month, 10:30 a.m.

PI/CPC..... 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 Shawn M.:
mickeyd729@yahoo.com
1-561-801-9093

**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**

KISS Group of Fort Pierce to relocate meetings

The KISS Group which currently meet sat the Welcome Home Club on US 1, will relocate Friday, November 1, to the campus of the Crossings Community Church at 5200 Oleander Avenue, south of Midway Road.

With meeting options available in two buildings at the rear of the campus, the new location offers more meeting space and restrooms, as well as access to better amenities such kitchen facilities to accommodate non-meeting activities.

The KISS Group meeting schedule:

Monday	5:30 p.m.	Speaker
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Beginner
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Big Book
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	12 & 12
Friday	5:30 p.m.	Topic Discussion
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Topic Discussion



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with the Lasker Award. The Lasker Awards have been awarded annually since 1945 to living persons who have made major contributions to medical science or who have performed public service on behalf of medicine. The Lasker Award has gained a reputation for identifying future winners of the Nobel Prize. Eighty-six Lasker laureates have received the Nobel Prize, including 32 in the last two decades.

That same year, The Grapevine printed a statement concerning this award:

No AA anywhere can be unmindful of the tremendous significance to himself and to the 'millions who don't yet know' of this, the greatest public honor to come to AA thus far. We are also grateful to the Lasker Committee for the manner of its presentation. Bernard L. Smith, non-alcoholic Chairman of our Foundation, accepted and Bill (introduced anonymously as an early member) responded. Thus AA had been accorded national recognition... and our Eleventh Tradition had not only been preserved but had been underlined with the quiet dignity of AA self-

lessness.
And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.

Submitted with love in sobriety, Bob S.

2019 Group Contributions thru August 31

GROUP	Group #	AUGUST	YTD	GROUP	Group #	AUGUST	YTD
11th Step Candlelight PSL		0.00	0.00	Lunch Bunch PSL	169623	0.00	470.00
A Desire To Stop GP		0.00	25.00	Men's Sobriety Group Sun.AM	172529	0.00	200.00
Alternate MC Beginners AA GP	645696	0.00	0.00	Midday Matinee	172992	0.00	0.00
Back To Basics	617295	0.00	225.00	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	300.00	Okeechobee Discussion		0.00	0.00
Better By The Beach	688860	0.00	474.20	Okeechobee Night Group	103633	0.00	0.00
Better Understanding	670079	0.00	0.00	Okeechobee Noon Group	147217	0.00	150.00
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	0.00
Ensollielle (French, seasonal)	681471	0.00	50.00	Primary Purpose Bayshore	679364	0.00	0.00
Eye Opener	169889	25.00	235.00	PSL AA Tues. Nite Group	103698	20.00	20.00
First Things First	697413	61.00	294.00	PSL Sat. AM Men's Group	606637	300.00	950.00
Friday Night Men's	604208	0.00	200.00	Reach Out Group	714201	0.00	130.00
Friendship Group	103470	0.00	105.50	Sisters of Sobriety	700856	0.00	15.85
From Darkness To Light		0.00	0.00	Step Into Action	696779	0.00	120.00
Gays In Recovery	655112	0.00	25.00	Step Sisters	683996	0.00	40.00
Good Guys North	678914	0.00	50.00	Talking Feathers		53.00	67.00
Grupo Renacer Hispano FP (Spanish)		0.00	0.00	There Is a Solution		0.00	0.00
Grupo Serendad PSL (Spanish)		0.00	0.00	Tough Love Group	721766	0.0	188.20
Happy Hour Living Sober	653464	0.00	375.00	Wake-Up Group Okeechobee		0.00	0.00
Heard It Thru the Grapevine	662713	0.00	0.00	Warriors		0.00	1.00
Helping Hands Group	654010	0.00	50.00	Watch your Steps	645676	0.00	125.00
Higher Power Sunday	679339	0.00	250.00	We Stopped in Time	669606	0.00	0.00
Just For Today	168564	0.00	0.00	Westside Group Ft Pierce	125608	40.00	180.00
Keep It Simple— Okeechobee	643906	0.00	0.00	Wolff Road Group Okeechobee	703404	0.00	0.00
KISS	127410	0.00	300.00	Women Stepping Up	157843	0.00	150.00
Lakewood Park	177727	0.00	280.00	Women's New Beginnings	611306	0.00	0.00
Last Call	151221	0.00	0.00				
Late Risers	681809	0.00	600.00				
Lunch Box Ft. Pierce		0.00	0.00				
				TOTAL AA GP Contributions		479.00	6798.75

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."

Attraction: the source of AA's remarkable success

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textbook, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, has had in shaping America, we do know that the *Big Book* has helped millions of men and women throughout the world, and in all walks of life, find a new and satisfying way of life without alcohol. The *Big Book* describes the A.A. program of action for recovery from alcoholism. It has offered convincing evidence to relatives and friends that alcoholics can recover; and has furnished revealing insights to physicians, psychologists, members of the clergy and other professionals who work with alcoholics.

Although no author is listed, it is common

knowledge that the initial draft of the *Big Book* was written by A.A. co-founder Bill W. when he was not quite four years sober. But he did not complete it alone. *Alcoholics Anonymous* was a collective creation, since each chapter was "edited" by A.A. members in Akron, Ohio and New York City—all of them sober less time than Bill. This cooperative effort, reflecting the shared experience and consensus of the small Fellowship as a whole, set in motion the democratic process of decision-making that characterizes A.A. today.

The book provided the name for a small movement with nearly 100 members. It

took 36 years to sell the first million copies. Yet today, every year approximately one million copies of the *Big Book* are distributed in the English language alone (it is translated into 67 languages), and A.A. membership has grown over two million with a presence in more than 170 countries. In 2010, the thirty-millionth copy was presented to the American Medical Association, which declared alcoholism an illness in 1956.

On October 30, 1951, in San Francisco, Alcoholics Anonymous was presented

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ADDRESSES FOR GROUP DONATIONS

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New York, NY 10163

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Pompano Beach Fl 33061

District 6 Treasurer
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Ft. Pierce, Fl 34979-2248

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

Full Text of the 1951 Lasker Award

The American Public Health Association presents a Lasker Award for 1951 to Alcoholics Anonymous in recognition of its unique and highly successful approach to that age-old public health and social problem, alcoholism.

Since its founding sixteen years ago, Alcoholics Anonymous has brought recovery to more than 120,000 chronic drinkers formerly thought hopeless. Today this world fellowship of 4,000 groups, resident in 38 countries, is rehabilitating 25,000 additional persons yearly. In emphasizing alcoholism as an illness, the social stigma associated with this condition is being blotted out.

Alcoholics Anonymous works upon the novel principle that a recovered alcoholic can reach and treat a fellow sufferer as no one else can. In so doing, the recovered alcoholic maintains his own sobriety; the man he treats soon becomes a physician to the next new applicant, thus creating an ever expanding chain reaction of liberation, with patients welded together by bonds of common suffering, common understanding, and stimulating action in a great cause.

This is not a reform movement, nor is it operated by professionals who are concerned with the problem. It is financed by voluntary contributions of its members, all of whom remain anonymous. There are no dues, no paid therapists, no paid professional workers. It enjoys the good will and often the warm endorsement of many medical and scientific groups - no mean achievement in itself for any organization run entirely by laymen.

Historians may one day point to Alcoholics Anonymous as a society which did far more than achieve a considerable measure of success with alcoholism and its stigma; they may recognize Alcoholics Anonymous to have been a great venture with social pioneering which forged a new instrument for social action; a new therapy based on the kinship of common suffering; one having a vast potential for the myriad other ills of mankind.

On the Tenth Step ...

The Tenth Step ...

Continued to take personal inventory and
when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

The Tenth Step Principle ...

The principle behind the 10th step is Perseverance.

The Tenth Tradition ...

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues;
hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

My Tenth Tradition Checklist ...

1. Do I ever give the impression that there really is an “AA opinion” on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen?
2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of these without giving the impression I am stating the “AA opinion?”
3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
4. Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?
5. What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
6. Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?
7. How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?

On the Tenth Step ...

A Tenth-Step Prayer For Growth and Effectiveness

*"God, please help me Watch for Selfishness, Dishonesty, Resentment and Fear.
When these crop up in me, help me to immediately ask you to remove them from
me and help me discuss these feelings with someone. Father, help me to quickly
make amends if I have harmed anyone and help me to resolutely turn my thoughts
to someone I can Help. Help me to be Loving and Tolerant of everyone today.
Amen"*

(Based on AA Big Book pg 84 para 2)

The Complete Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
Forever in the next.

Amen.

--Reinhold Niebuhr