



TRUSTED SERVANTS

INTERGROUP

Chairman - Don W - Northside
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Website - Rob K - Pathfinders
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Membership - Vacant
Newsletter - Mark S - Northside
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DISTRICT 5

DCM - Ed V - Happy Hour
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Secretary - Lisa F - Downtown
Treasurer - Kathy Lynn S -
Pathfinders

STANDING COMMITTEES

CPC - Kevin K - Central
PI - Gerry W - Happy Hour
Treatment - Vacant
Corrections - Wanda H - Northside
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THE MESSAGE

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

INTERGROUP 5, INC. FEBRUARY, 2004 TALLAHASSEE, FL

TRADITION TWO

Sooner or later, every AA comes to depend upon a Power greater than himself. He finds that the God of his understanding is not only a source of strength, but also a source of *positive direction*. Realizing that some fraction of that infinite resource is now available, his life takes an entirely different complexion. He experiences a new inner security together with such a sense of destiny and purpose as he has never known before. As each day passes, our AA reviews his mistakes and vicissitudes. He learns from daily experience what his remaining character defects are and becomes ever more willing that they be removed. In this fashion he improves his conscious contact with God.

Every AA group follows this same cycle of development. We are coming to realize that each group, as well as each individual, is a special entity, not quite like any other. Though AA groups are basically the same, each group does have its own special atmosphere, its own peculiar state of development. We believe that every AA group has a conscience. It is the collective conscience of its own membership. Daily experience informs and instructs this conscience. The group begins to recognize its own defects of character and, one by one, these are removed or lessened. As this process continues, the group becomes better able to receive right direction for its own affairs. Trial and error produces group experience, and out of corrected experience comes custom. When a customary way of doing things is definitely proved to be best, then that custom forms into AA Tradition. The Greater Power is then working through a clear group conscience.

We humbly hope and believe that our growing AA Tradition will prove to be the will of God for us.

Many people are coming to think that Alcoholics Anonymous is, to some extent, a new form of human society. In our discussion of the First Tradition, it was emphasized that we have, in AA, no coercive human authority. Because each AA, of necessity, has a sensitive and responsive conscience, and because alcohol will discipline him severely if he backslides, we are finding we have little need for manmade rules or regulations. Despite the fact that we do veer off at times on tangents, we are becoming more able to depend absolutely on the long-term stability of the AA group itself. With respect to its own affairs, the collective conscience of the group will, given time, almost surely demonstrate its perfect dependability. The group conscience will, in end, prove a far more infallible guide for group affairs than the decision of any individual member, however good or wise he may be. This is a striking and almost unbelievable fact about Alcoholics Anonymous. Hence we can safely dispense with those exhortations and punishments seemingly so necessary to other societies. And we need not depend overmuch on inspired leaders. Because our active leadership of service can be truly rotating, we enjoy a kind of democracy rarely possible elsewhere. In this respect we may be, to a large degree, unique.

Therefore we of Alcoholics Anonymous are certain that there is but one ultimate authority, "a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience."

Bill W., January 1948- Language of the Heart pg. 77-78

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INTERGROUP NEWS

IG5 TREASURER'S REPORT

January, 2004

Beginning Balance \$1,726.89

Income
Contributions

Holiday Party	\$50.00
Memorial/Bill Mills	\$45.00
Open Door	\$50.00
LLoyd	\$50.00
Came To Believe	\$142.28
IG5 Meeting	\$15.00
Faithful Fivers	\$10.00
Central	\$200.00
Miracle	\$14.58
Apalachicola Bay Serenity	\$25.00
Pathfinders	\$30.22
Total	\$632.08

Expenses

Rent	\$229.50
Office Supervision	\$220.00
Answering Service	\$116.87
Telephone	\$47.57
Total	\$613.94
Ending Balance	\$1,745.03

January 2004 Literature Report

Beginning Balance \$1,029.71

Income

Interest Paid 12/31/03	\$1.90
Literature Sales	\$175.80
Sales Tax	\$13.20
Total	\$190.90

Expenses

Dept of Rev Sales Tax 2003	\$142.68
Literature Credit Card	\$282.00
Total	\$424.68
Ending Balance	\$795.93

INTERGROUP V

meets at 7pm, 1ST Wednesday of every month,
at Faith Presbyterian Church, Meridian and
John Knox Road.

IN MEMORIUM

Mr. Roy W. a 36 year member died on
February 4, 2004. His burial was in Nebraska,
where he was born. He was a member of the
Crawfordville group.

SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCES

It is certain that all recipients of
spiritual experiences declare for their
reality. The best evidence of that reality
is in the subsequent fruits. Those who
receive these gifts of grace are very much
changed people, almost invariably for
the better.

Bill W. 1960



FOUNDERS DAY - FLORIDA STYLE -A/K/A THE TRIUMPHANT ARCH -

In honor of the day that Alcoholics
Anonymous was founded (June 10, 1935,
by Bill W. and Dr. Bob), the first annual
Founders' Day—Florida Style AA
conference will be held June 26-28, 2004, in
downtown Tallahassee. This is the
beginning of a yearly event that we hope
will take place every June in Florida's
Capital City.

Local and out of town speakers will be
arranged and a variety of activities are in
the early planning stages.

The conference is still in its infant stages
and needs lots of support. Interested
volunteers are encouraged to attend the
next planning meeting Saturday, March 6,
2004, 10:00 AM, at Central Group, 909
Gadsden Street. Keep an eye out for flyers,
soon. Plenty of opportunities to help

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

COMING ATTRACTIONS

MARCH 3

Monthly Intergroup 5, inc. meeting at Faith Presbyterian Church, Meridian and John Knox Road. 7pm

MARCH 13

Monthly District V Corrections Committee meeting at Central Group. 909 Gadsden Street. 4pm

MARCH 12-14

Flint River Roundup, Bainbridge GA. Charter House Inn - For info call 850-926-8391, 850-385-2112, 850-531-0050 flintriverroundup.home.comcast.net

MARCH 17

Monthly District V meeting at Faith Presbyterian Church, Meridian and John Knox Road. 7pm

MAY 27-30

47TH ICYPAA - The 47th International Conference of Young People in AA. The Peabody Hotel - Orlando, Floridainfo@icypaa47.org www.icypaa47.org

AUGUST 4-8

48th Florida State Convention Jacksonville, Florida and the 60th Southeast Regional Conference "The Granddaddy of Them All" The Adams Mark Hotel. Register on-line at: www.flstateconvention.com

SEPTEMBER

24th FCYPAA - Florida Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous Jacksonville, Florida, September 2004.

DISTRICT V OPENING

Corrections chair. If interested please attend the next District V meeting on March 17th. Starts at 7pm, at Faith Presbyterian church, Meridian and John Knox Road.

OPENING

District V has opening for Treatment Committee Chair.

This service committee coordinates meetings in treatment centers and hospitals throughout the District. If you are interested (or have a sponsee who is ready to enter the Service part of recovery) please attend the next District V meeting on March 17th or contact Ed V. at vallae@att.net or (850)383-0879.

WANTED

INTERGROUP OFFICE VOLUNTEERS
Mon. 11AM -2PM
Weekends

If you are willing to be of service, please contact Tom A., Office Coordinator (850) 244-1818

NEW MEETING

The "As We Understand It..." Group. Meeting at Intergroup 5 Office, 1106-H Thomasville Rd., Tallahassee

SUBMISSIONS

Please submit articles, anniversary announcements for "The Message" to the Intergroup office or send email to Dist5Reporter@aol.com by the 28th of each month. If you have questions, please call (850) 668-9803.

ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY

Lloyd

Bob S. - 17 years
Ralph D. - 17 years
Mike O'C. - 18 years

Central

Toni D. - 1 year
Barb T. - 1 year
Craig E. - 1 year
Nathan D. - 1 year
Dora W. - 1 year
Leisa - 1 year
Brad C. - 2 years
Bob G. - 5 years
Steve C. - 15 years
Tad - 22 years

Living Sober

Richard S. - 1 year
Alicia S. - 13 years

FEBRUARY

Central

Lisa F. - 2 years
Jen 2 - years
Danny - 3 years
Jon D. - 3 years
Terry R. - 3 years
John B. - 3 years
Sherri B. - 5 years
Tom A. - 7 years
Electa - 14 years
Alice - 16 years
Doug B. - 16 years
Bill L. - 17 years
Karen M. - 20 years

