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Intergroup

Chairman—Don W—Northside
Co-chairman—Ron L—Northside
Secretary—Phyllis K—HomeGroup
Treasurer—Pat C—Crawfordville
Literature—Pat C—Crawfordville
Website—Rob K—Pathfinders
Activities—Vacant
Membership—Vacant
Newsletter—Larry H—Central

District 5

DCM—Ed V—Happy Hour
Alternate DCM—Kathy Lynn S—
Pathfinders
Secretary—Anne K—Happy Hour
Treasurer—Kathy Lynn S—
Pathfinders

Standing Committees

CPC—Kevin K—Central
PI—Gerry W—Happy Hour
Treatment—Allison B—Central
Corrections—Danny P—Night Owl
Grapevine—Joe J—HomeGroup
Intergroup—Dawn K—Northside
Accessibilities—Kayce M—Downtown
Archives—Bob S—Southside

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The Message

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

INTERGROUP 5, INC. MAY, 2004 TALLAHASSEE, FL

EARLY HISTORY OF A.A. IN THE NORTH FLORIDA AREA 1940-

In March of 1941 the Jack Alexander article had hit the news stands and a fellow named Mac W. from St. Augustine was making bus trips up from the oldest city once a week to Jacksonville.

Another augurial response came from a George S. out of Daytona. Tom S. went to see him but he snuck out to go fishing. shortly after George's wife sent him to Jacksonville by train after another spree and Tom S. and Bruce H. got him into a sanitarium, he dried out, came to a number of meetings, and went back to Daytona to start the first group there in April of 1942. Another phenomena occurred in February of '43 the recording of prison group at Raiford correctional the contact a reverend Leslie S.

In 1944 a Sam E. and his wife were transferred to Orlando from East Orange New Jersey, records are sketchy but it appears the E.'s were new to recovery had met Bill W. up north and needed to get in touch with another alcoholic. To that end they met Dave A. who wrote New York. Undoubtedly contact ensued between all parties and Jacksonville and the resulting first group in Orlando August of 1944. Louis A. shared that the Orlando members often would travel to Tampa, Jacksonville, or Daytona to attend meetings. The growth in Orlando was also watched by the founder of Daytona A.A. George S. who was passing on the miracle he was blessed to receive.

Of course while this was going on the already established groups were growing, albeit at times slowly, and the message was spreading. Pensacola came on board in February of 1945 with 6 members, and Fernandina Beach in August of 1945 with a sole member. Always to be considered is that the dates given here are taken from a number of sources, many of which may contain inaccuracies. A copy of the first Jacksonville members of A.A. shows also a Eliso B. from Ocala, and a Paul J. from Arlington. The approximated date of this list is 3/25/43. Although not reflected here the word was being passed on to fledgling A.A. groups in Waycross and Valdosta Georgia at the same time. One of the members mentioned was an M.J. "Easy Edney, who resides in Montgomery Alabama. On march 25th 1996 joined us in Melbourne. "Easy" sobered in 1942 and is the only living member of the original Jacksonville group. As the message started spreading farther out in 1945 a gentleman named Tom M. came over from Tallahassee and placed himself in a Jacksonville sanitarium. While he was in the Old Miller Sanitarium, Tom S. arrived and gave Tom M. a "Big Book." Upon his release he attended meetings in Jacksonville for awhile and returned to Tallahassee to register himself with A.A. as a sole member and start a group at 808 E. Sixth Ave. The available records show Tom sent a letter to New York in April 8th of 1945.

(CONTINUED NEXT MONTH...THANKS TO BOB H. FOR HELPING KEEP THE AA HISTORY OF NORTH FLORIDA.)

District 5 News

Minutes District 5 March 17, 2004

ROLL TAKEN –

Anne K.	Happy Hour	Secretary
Bob S.	Southside	GSR/Arch.
Danny P.	Night Owl	GSR
Dawn O.	Northside	Alt. DCM
Ed V.	Happy Hour	DCM
Joe J.	Home Group	GSR
Kathy Lynn S.	Pathfinders	GSR/Treas
Lisa F.	Downtown	GSR
Laurie C.	Nothside	Alt. GSR
Kayce M.	Downtown	Accessibilities
Larry H.	Central	Visitor
Ron L.	Northside	Visitor

Groups Represented at Meeting – Central, Downtown, Happy Hour, Home, Northside, Pathfinders, Southside, Night Owl

Minutes –

- FDFS Convention should have been listed as an announcement.
- ***accepted***

Treasury Report –

- ***accepted***

DCM –

- Discussed the purpose of Area Assembly, and GSR's responsibility to the groups in relaying the agenda for Area.

CPC/PI –

- Kevin has formed a committee that will be meeting at 6:45 on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Central.
- Requested that the other GSRs let people know that there are a lot of service opportunities.
- Kevin is going to meet with the Vice President of FSU's student affairs. FSU students have been reported as not knowing how to conduct themselves during meetings.
- Kevin is requesting a budget for purchasing PSAs – will bring up in new business.

Corrections –

- Danny is making a flyer with contact info to distribute to the groups.
 - Hoping to increase participation.

Treatment –

- Not in attendance
- Ed – TMH's Chemical Dependency Unit has an open meeting; Friday at 8pm. 1616 Physician's Drive.

Grapevine –

- Joe explained the history of the Grapevine and how it is currently run.

IG5 –

- Intergroup decided to table the motion that District brought regarding Grapevine lit. to be sold.
- Larry H. is the new Message editor. Email address is message@intergroup5.org
- Discussed skipping this months issue of the Message.
- Office needs volunteers. Tuesday & Wednesday 8-12

Archives –

- Bob has requested interviews from old-timers about Tallahassee AA history.
 - Interviews are for historical purposes only.
- Asking for any archive related material.

Accessibilities –

- Nothing to report.

Old Business

- March 26-28 is the next area assembly.

New Business

- Motion was made to give Lisa \$70 in order to print 1000 copies of the Where and When.
 - Plans to distribute next week.
 - ***PASSED***
 - Motion was made to allocate \$100 for Kevin to order full collection of PSAs.
 - Committee decided to ask Kevin to check with Gerry about what he already has.
 - ***TABLED***
 - Larry asked that no last names be put in the minutes.
 - Ed requested that District 5 members contribute articles to the Message.
 - Guidelines for articles can be found at <http://www.aagrapevine.org>
- Announcement- 5:15 - 7:15 Sat March 20th FCYPAA event at Skate World.

March 1, 2004 - March 31, 2004

Checking Account Beginning Balance:

\$ 727.82

Contributions

Central	\$ 60.00
03/16/04 Transfer from Savings	\$ 500.00
Total	\$ 560.00

Expenses

General Service Office (Gratitude Dinner)	Ch # 772	\$ 500.00
Postmaster (P.O. Box)	Ch # 773	\$ 38.00
Lisa F. (Where & When printing)	Ch # 774	\$ 70.00
Total		\$ 608.00

03/31/04 Checking Account Ending Balance:

\$ 679.82

Items Outstanding

None

Total

\$ -

Contributions Received/Deposited After 03/31/04

Brown Bag Serenity	\$ 10.00
Came To Believe	\$ 7.26
Capital City Group	\$ 41.03
Central	\$ 30.00
Central (Corrections)	\$ 30.00
North Side	\$ 83.00
Southside	\$ 7.90
Total	\$ 209.19

Checkbook Balance as of 04/21/04:

\$ 889.01

03/01/04 Savings Account Balance:

\$ 1,033.88

03/16/05 Transfer to Checking \$ (500.00)

Dividend \$ 1.77

03/31/04 Savings Account Balance:

\$ 535.65

Checkbook Balance \$ 889.01

Savings Balance \$ 535.65

Total District V Funds \$ 1,424.66

Note: District V Prudent Reserve is the total of the 3 months with the highest expenses (05/03, 12/03 and 03/04) = \$ 2,230.07

Amount Under Prudent Reserve \$ (805.41)

General Service District Five (Tallahassee) of Alcoholics Anonymous has an immediate opening for a Treasurer. This service position attends the District meetings on the third Wednesday of each month and keeps track of donations and expenditures within the District. For additional information please contact Ed V. (383-0879 or vallae@att.net) or just show up at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, May 19th at the Faith Presbyterian Church at Meridian & John Knox, and bring your willingness. Thanks to Dawn for her service.

Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer

7:00 PM

- Traditions read by Kathy Lynn
- Concept IV read by Lisa F.

ROLL TAKEN –

Anne K.	Happy Hour	Visitor
Annette K.	Mustard Seed	GSR
Bill S.	Northside	GSR
Chris C.	Southside	Alt. GSR
Dawn O.	Northside	Alt. DCM
Earl W.	Living Sober	GSR
Ed V.	Happy Hour	DCM
Gale P.	Powder No Puff	GSR
Greg S.	Home Group	Alt. GSR
Hardy B.	Apalachicola	Alt. GSR
Kathy Lynn S.	Pathfinders	GSR/Treas
Kayce M.	Downtown	Acc chair
Larry H.	Central	Msg editor

Lisa F.	Downtown	GSR
Renee B.	Apalachicola	GSR
Ron L.	Northside	Visitor
Susan A.	Powder no Puff	Alt GSR
Tracy T.	Happy Hour	GSR

Groups Represented at Meeting – Apalachicola, Central, Downtown, Happy Hour, Home, Living Sober, Mustard Seed, Northside, Pathfinders, Powder-No-Puff, Southside

Earl W. is the new GSR for the Living Sober Group.

Secretary Report –

- ***accepted***

Treasury Report –

- Still under prudent reserve.
- ***accepted***

DCM –

- Ed discussed Area 14 Assembly
- Brought info about "how to run a meeting", a workshop he attended.

CPC/PI –

- Not in attendance

Corrections –

- Danny has asked N.Y. to send literature.
- Will submit 2 proposals at the next district meeting to distribute to the groups.
- Would like to discuss putting corrections and contact info on the IG5 website.
- Asking for about \$50 to purchase Spanish Big Books.
- FCI will be having their training session on May 19th from 5-9 pm for their women's mtg.

Treatment –

- Not in attendance

Grapevine –

- Joe J. not in attendance.

IG5 –

- Request for Intergroup to carry Grapevine literature was passed.

Archives –

- No report

Accessibilities –

- Kayce made a request for info regarding accessibilities at the local convention.
- Considering a workshop on accessibilities. Thinking, at the same time as delegate report.
- Area remains concerned about not having a standing committee at the GSO level.
- Mentioned buying a device to assist hearing impaired.

Old Business

- March 26-28 is the next area assembly.
- Where and When status – Lisa is getting information from the GSRs regarding changes.
- Kevin purchased collection of old PSAs – his committee will be reviewing them.
- Larry requests contributions for the Message.

New Business

- Ed asked groups to consider sponsoring workshops such as..... history of AA, and how to chair a meeting, etc...
- Bill S. made a motion to have District attendees introduce themselves before each meeting. *** PASSED**
- Dawn O. resigns as alt DCM. moves to have District suggest to IG5 to carry GV literature
- Kathy Lynn is nominated and elected.
- Any volunteers for treasurer should attend next District meeting.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer at 8:05 PM

Next meeting May 19, 2004 at 7:00 PM

Faith Presbyterian Church

Corner of Meridian and John Knox, Tallahassee

I ASKED GOD

I asked God to grant me patience.
God said, "No.
Patience is a by-product of tribulations;
it isn't granted, it is earned."

I asked God to give me happiness.
God said, "No.
I give you blessings; happiness is up to
you."

I asked God to spare me pain.
God said, "No.
Suffering draws you apart from worldly
cares
and brings you closer to me."

I asked God to make my spirit grow.
God said, "No.
You must grow on your own,
but I will prune you to make you fruitful."

I asked for all things that I might enjoy
life.
God said, No.
I will give you life
so that you may enjoy things.

I asked God to help me LOVE others
as much as He loves me.
God said. . ."Ahhh, finally you have the
idea."

April IG5 Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance \$1,602.71

Income

Contributions 980.85

Sub Total \$2,583.56

Expenses

Rent \$ 229.50

Office Supervision 220.00

Printing/Message 37.65

Answering Service 119.60

Telephone 39.38

Total \$ (646.13)

Ending Balance \$1,937.43

Contributions

Men's Faith \$ 78.00

Happy Hour 200.00

Central 300.00

Brown Bag Serenity 40.00

IG5 Meeting 12.00

Faithful Five 5.00

North Side 270.00

Southside 39.52

Came to Believe 36.33

Total \$980.85

April Literature Report

Beginning Balance \$912.82

Income

Literature Sales \$158.45

Sales Tax 9.57

Interest Paid 1.73

Donation 8.04

Total \$177.79

Expenses

Books bought/cash \$(25.00)

Ending Balance \$1,065.61

Intergroup Office is staffed by volunteers that deserve our thanks for their important contribution of their time in service to AA and the still suffering Alcoholic. When you see them please thank them: Maureen, Glenys, Pat C, Den, Rick, Sue, Syke, Tad, and the Downtown Group members

Members...who should never be forgotten!

I saw him years before I came into the doors of AA's Central Group. One day there he was walking down N. Monroe in a white hat, and suit, caring a briefcase. Glancing over from my car I said aloud "What the hell was that!" I found out later that was "FOX". To this day, the things I know about this man cause me to think of him with this question: "How does someone become as Fox was?" He is no longer with us now, except in spirit, but he remains the most impressive person I have met in the rooms of AA. In him I saw a code of love and tolerance for others, which I have never seen anyone practice so well. I think he found his answers in the Big Book, the Big Big Book and in service to others.

A fellow Central Group member



March Phone Report

(Calls Received by Volunteers)

57—Meeting Information

2—Twelve Step

25— General

3—Agency

25—Al-anon

Faithful Fivers

Faithful Fivers are A.A. members who consistently contribute \$5.00 each month to Intergroup to help with expenses. Become a Faithful Fiver by dropping your "five" in the mail to Intergroup. If desired, we will publish your name in "The Message" as a Faithful Fiver.

Thank you for your generosity! Intergroup sincerely appreciates your help!

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It's Funny...how a \$5.00 bill looks so big in the basket at a meeting, but so small when you take it to any retail outlet...It's Funny



Events and Happenings

Current Events

May 19—District 5 monthly meeting, Faith Presbyterian Church, Meridian and John Knox Road, 7:00 pm.
June 2—Intergroup 5, Inc. monthly meeting, Faith Presbyterian Church, Meridian and John Knox Road, 7:00 pm.

Future Events

The first ever conference for members of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held on Friday through Sunday, June 25, 26 and 27th of 2004 in Tallahassee, Florida. The conference will lead off on Friday with a workshop on Steps six and seven by Don M. an attorney from Louisville, KY at 4:00 PM. After dinner Frances C. from Stuart, FL. will be the keynote speaker and get things off and running. at 8:00 PM. A night owl meeting will be held around 10:00 PM chaired by Rob of the Happy Hour Group. On Saturday morning at 9:30 AM a place for local speakers will be Liz. C., Tallahassee, with several years of sobriety. A workshop in the early afternoon with Local "Old Timers' Carl A. and Diz T. will discuss the "Doctor Opinion". at 1:30 PM. The featured Al-anon speaker will be Jeannie H. of Tequesa, FL. in late afternoon on Saturday. The featured speaker from Ingram, TX will be Chris R., who story is very upbeat straight from the BIG BOOK at 8:00 PM. . The Night Owl meeting at 10:00 PM will be chaired by Jeff K., Tallahassee. The Sunday morning at 9:30 AM speaker will be Don M. the attorney from Louisville, KY. whose down home humor will take us home. Flyers for the conference can be found at Intergroup and many local meeting rooms. The Doubletree Hotel will be the headquarters for all attending members. A Raffle and souvenirs will be available during the conference. Tapes of the conference and other speakers can be purchase as Lees Tapes will be the taper. For those who have a computer, check out: <http://www.foundersdayfl.org/>
 Speakers for Open Door meeting held at the Tallahassee United Methodist Church on Saturday evenings at 7:30 PM May 1 Diz T. 23rd birthday May 8 Coach Bob May 15 Lisa Y. May 22 Will May 29 Chuck S. Charlie H. is the chairperson.

Does anyone know who posted the Unofficial North Florida District 5 AA schedule last updated 1/14/2001? It can still be found at this location: http://home.att.net/~ACADMAN/AA_Tallahassee/AA_Sched.htm
 Unfortunately, we can not get this old information taken down or updated since we do not know who posted the info.

**I am not just one drink away from a drunk. I
 am one drink away from never being sober
 again in this lifetime.**
 Change is inevitable, growth is optional.
 Let the lunatics out of the attic.
 (Do the 4th step)

WANTED INTERGROUP Office Volunteers

If you are willing to be of service, please contact Tom A. , Office Coordinator, (850) 224-1818.
 Saturday 8-2
 Sunday All Day

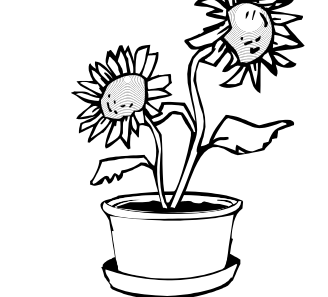
WANTED

Volunteers to chair the Intergroup Membership and Special Events committee. If you are willing to be of service, please notify Tom A., Office Coordinator, (850) 224-1818

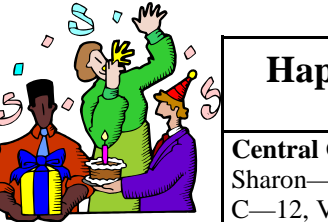
NEWSLETTER

Please submit articles, anniversary notices or announcements for "The Message" to the Intergroup office or send email to message@intergroup5.org by the last Wednesday of each month. If you have questions, call (850) 391-4077.

Have A Wonderful Spring!



**Keep Coming Back
Without a Drink!**



Happy A.A. Anniversary April

Central Group Doug R—1, Kelly D.—1, Sharon—1, Brent W—3, Regena I—7, Jim C—12, Vanessa W—20, Frank O—24
Capital City Group Jay B—3
Happy Hour Madeline S, Lisa Y—5, Ellen M— 9, Kathy S—15, Carl A.—26, Marion B—27
Powder No Puff Linda — 20 Vanessa—20

**Laughter is
the anthem of
the angels.**

The Camel
**Dr. Bob [co-founder of AA] would explain prayer
 by telling how the camels in a caravan
 would kneel down in the evening,
 and the men would unload their burdens.
 In the morning, they would kneel down again,
 and the men would put the burdens back on.**
 "It's the same with prayer," Dr. Bob said.
 "We get on our knees to unload at night.
 And in the morning when we get on our knees again,
 God gives us just the load
 we are able to carry for that day."
 c. 1980 AAWS, *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers*, p. 229
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