

## HEARTLAND INTERGROUPER

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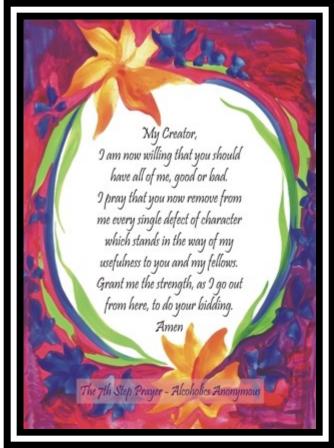
MONDAY- 9AM-5PM TUESDAY-9AM-5PM WEDNESDAY-9AM- 5PM THURSDAY- 9AM- 5PM FRIDAY- 9AM- 5PM

WE TOO LIVE LIFE ON LIFE'S TERMS! IT MAY BE BEST TO CALL BEFORE YOU COME!

## ANY MEETING CHANGES PLEASE SUBMIT CHANGES TO WEBSITE:

<u>Submit Meeting Changes | Heartland AA (heartlandintergroup.org)</u>











### **ABOUT FAITHFUL FIVERS**

Faithful Fivers are A.A. Members who pledge to contribute at least \$5.00 a month to support our local Intergroup office in its efforts to carry the A.A. message of hope and recovery to alcoholics in Polk, Highlands, and Hardee counties.

## HOW TO BECOME A FAITHFUL FIVER

- Call the office manager at (863) 688-0211
  - Visit our website at Heartlandintergroup.org. Go to the donate tab at the top right of the screen.

## What does our Intergroup do?

- Provides a 24-hour A.A. Hotline
- Has available space for AA meetings
- Sells A.A. literature and merchandise
- Publishes a monthly Newsletter called the Intergrouper, free to sign up for.
- Offers an informative up-to-date website with current meeting lists, and events
- Has an online bookstore for convivence to those that may not be able to visit in person.
- Has an extensive Lending Library of speaker CD's and tapes.
- Provides a 12-Step room for sponsor/sponsee to meet.

(863) 688-0211 4204 S. FLORIDA AVE STE. H LAKELAND, FL 33813 The camel each day goes twice to his knees.

He picks up his load with the greatest of ease.

He walks through the day with his head held high.

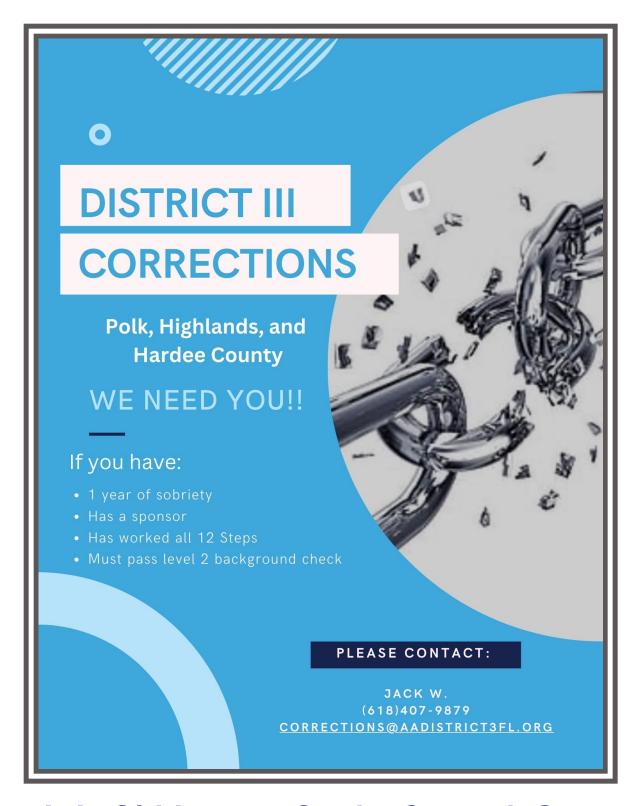
And stays for that day, completely dry.



## CAMEL PRAYER

The tasks of the day can pass with ease when a camel or I start on our knees.

One Master we serve, the camel and I, and stay for that day completely dry.



## A.A. Oldtimers...On the Seventh Step

A.A. Grapevine, May 1945, Vol. 1 No. 12 Editorial: On the 7th Step

"Humbly asked Him to remove our

## shortcomings."

We all know that it is God's will that we live clean, wholesome lives; that we think clearly and become persons of honest decision. This we know we cannot do until we become our real selves, so, in desperation, we alcoholics revert to prayer. We humbly ask God to remove our shortcomings; to restore us to our natural selves, so that we may think clearly on our problems. Emerson says, "None will ever solve the problem of his character according to our prejudice, but only in his own high unprecedented way." Character is undoubtedly accumulative, and in removing shortcomings it stands to reason that we are striving to build character. This can be done by observing our errors, and, one at a time, correcting them on the spot.

We have already accepted this "Power greater than ourselves" as a reality. Something to which we can pray, expecting to receive help. So now we ask for courage to look at our shortcomings honestly. To recognize them for what they really are, and not what we might wish them to be.

What are some of our shortcomings? Let us list just a few: 1. Excessive drinking. 2. Resenting help. 3. Resenting the good fortune of others. 4. Defending ourselves when we know we are in the wrong. 5. Jealousy and envy of all kinds. 6. Shunning responsibility.

Through the grace of God we have found A.A.,

which teaches us that we are sick people and that alcohol in any form or amount is out. So we stop drinking. That takes care of our number one problem.

We must be willing to accept help of all kinds without resentment. This takes a little time, as we are the world's most sensitive persons. We know too well that we have neglected all of our talents and abilities for alcohol, and we have terribly guilty feelings, made more acute by persons who are already in better circumstances than we are. Nevertheless, we learn to suffer our hurt feelings and start building a constructive, happy life. Defending what we call our "pride" is one of the most difficult shortcomings to remove. Many of us have thought of pride as something virtuous, something to be honored. Well, what have we left, we who are humbly seeking help, that we can put on exhibition as virtue? Often we cannot actually put our finger on anything in our make-up of which we are really proud. So we break down our false pride, and exchange it for humility. The most beautiful art in the world is simple, with few lines, little fuss and complications. So we try being simple for a change. Just plain honest simplicity. We look for the best in our fellow man, "Pardon the wrong in him; hark to the song in him."

By accepting God's help, we learn to think clearly; to play fairly; and to give generously.

# **Elizabeth W. Boston, Massachusetts**



When we sincerely took such a position, all sorts of remarkable things followed. We had a new Employer. Being all powerful, He provided what we needed, if we kept close to Him and performed His work well. Established on such a footing we became less and less interested in ourselves, our little plans and designs. More and more we became interested in seeing what we could contribute to life. As we felt new power flow in, as we enjoyed peace of mind, as we discovered we could face life successfully, as we became conscious of His presence, we began to lose our fear of today, tomorrow or the hereafter. We were reborn.

We were now at Step Three. Many of us said to our Maker, as we understood Him: "God, I offer myself to

# HYBRID MEETING- July Heartland Intergroup Representative Meeting, Monday, July 10th, at 6:00PM.

Heartland Intergroup is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: July Heartland Intergroup Rep Meeting
Time: Jul 10, 2023 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2323580422

Meeting ID: 232 358 0422

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What does HYBRID mean you ask? HYBRID means, in person AND online! Thats right!!! We will be meeting at the Heartland Intergroup Office AND on Zoom! We want you to be a part of our Intergroup however you can!!

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## **We Would Love To Update Your Group Contacts:**

If it has been a while since you have updated the contacts for your group and if things have changed, please let us know.

We would love to stay in touch when we need to! No worries, we don't share this information with the public! The only people that see it are the Heartland Intergroup Board, web servants, and the District 3 Registrar.

Anytime you need to make a change or add a contact, just go to our website: Heartlandintergroup.org
Click on MEETINGS in the upper right side on the screen, scroll down to SUBMIT MEETING CHANGES, and answer the questions! It's that easy!

If you would rather, you are always welcome to email officemanager@heartlandintergroup.org and send us your info that way!

Thank you everyone for your continued support!



On this day you surrendered you mustered up some courage and asked for help. You began a new way of life. Slowly, you became honest. You sought to help others. You became a giver. You took less. You began to feel... pleasure, pain, sadness and joy. On this day... you got sober





We are forming a Heartland Intergroup Outreach Committee.

Our goal is to bring the tri-county AA community closer together. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to travel to meetings throughout the tri-county area to spread the word that Intergroup is here to support and help them. If you are interested in attending new meetings, meeting new people and being of service, please call or

## text Mark C. at 863-307-6545 or send an email to <u>LakelandWW@gmail.com</u>.

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## HEARTLAND INTERGROUP <u>MERCHANDISE</u> OF THE MONTH!!!

For the month of July, *ALL KEYCHAINS*, will be 20% off!!!!! Take advantage of this merchandise while it's at this great price!



# ALL KEYCHAINS

20% OFF FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Heartland Intergroup

## We want to know your Sobriety Birthdays AND Group Anniversaries!

Heartland Intergroup wants to recognize greatness and remind the newcomers that IT WORKS!!!! Please send in your sobriety birthday and/ or group anniversary so we can share it for that month in our newsletter!! You can send them in via email at officemanager@heartlandintergroup.org.

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Dagmar J.- July 28th,1991- 32 Years! John C. - July 7th, 1999- 24 Years!





DISTRICT III BUSINESS MEETING- Meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 500 West Stuart St. Bartow, FL 33830. 1:00PM Service Workshop and 2:00PM Business Meeting. Unless otherwise announced.

\*Due to the Area 15 Quarterly Assembly taking place on the 3rd weekend in the month of July. District III will be announcing the date of the *July* Business meeting at a later date.





YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE WITH US!

SATURDAY, JULY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2023

175 LK. HOLLINGSWORTH DRIVE LAKELAND FL 33803 DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM DINNER AT 6 PM SPEAKER, JACK G., AT 7 PM

MEAT AND DRINKS PROVIDED BRING A SIDE DISH IF YOU LIKE DOOR PRIZES AND 50:50 RAFFLE



## 66TH FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION 2023

# THURSDAY AUGUST 10 - SUNDAY AUGUST 13 WWW.FLORIDASTATECONVENTION.COM SADDLEBROOK RESORT - WESLEY CHAPEL, FL 33543 WWW.SADDLEBROOK.COM

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REGISTRATION	\$40					
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SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTION	\$5	\$5				
ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGE (Includes: \$35 Registration, 2 Banquets \$55 each, 2 Ice Cream Sociati \$10 each, & Sat 88Q \$27)	\$192					
FRIDAY BANQUET (circle orie) BEEF/CHICKEN/FISH/VEGAN	\$55					
FRIDAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL	\$10					
SATURDAY BBQ LUNCH	\$27					
SATURDAY BANQUET (COCH COCH) BEEF/CHICKEN/FISH/VEGAN	\$55					
SATURDAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL	\$10	\$10				
GOLF TOURNAMENT	\$85	\$85				
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ESCORTED MOTORCYCLE RIDE	\$25					
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Address For Mail-in Registration: 66th Florida State Convention PO BOX 422 Lutz, FL 33548

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EMBROIDERED DRI FIT POLO SIZE: S M L XL 2XL 3XL COLOR: WHITE/LIGHT GREY/BLACK	\$25					
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WOMEN'S TANK TOP SIZE: S M L XL 2XL 3XL COLOR: BLUE/LIGHT GREY/WHITE	\$15					
UNISEX TANK TOP SIZE: S M L XL 2XL 3XL COLOR: BLACK/LIGHT GREY/BLUE	\$15					
EMBROIDERED BALL CAP COLOR: WHITE/BLACK	\$15					
ENGRAVED INSULATED METAL TUMBLER	\$15					
CANVAS TOTE BAG - COLOR: GREEN/BLUE	\$12					
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### PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES





AA, Al-Anon, Alateen, Spanish Speaking, LGBTQIA, YPG, First Nations, Old Timer's Panel, Marathon Meetings, Workshops, and Archives Display; Friday and Saturday Banquets, Saturday BBQ lunch and Ice Cream Socials; Sports Activities include Golf, 5K Walk/Run, Pickle Ball, Morning Yoga, and Escorted Motorcycle Ride; Dances, Saturday Pool Party, and much more...

ASL interpretation at main conference's speaker meetings.

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Marty J. - Vancouver, B.C., Canada

Aaron Z. - Molalla, OR

Larcine G. (Al-Anon) - Hawthorne, CA

Candice M. - Los Angeles, CA

Chris R. - Ingram, TX

Myers R. - Ingram, TX

Marion M. - Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Cathy C. - Tampa, FL

Jane D. L. - Tallahassee, FL

#### HOST HOTEL INFORMATION

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A PREMIER MEETING, GOLF, AND TENNIS RESORT
5700 SADDLEBROOK WAY WESLEY CHAPEL, FL 33543
WWW.SADDLEBROOK.COM
800-729-8383

CONVENTION CODE: FSC

HOTEL RESERVATIONS START ON AUGUST 3, 2022

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RATES:

BASED ON AVAILABILITY

STANDARD ROOM - \$135

ONE BEDROOM SUITE - \$155

TWO BEDROOM SUITE - \$265

RATES WILL BE HOWORED 3 DAYS BEFORE
AND 3 DAYS AFTER THE CONVENTION DATES



ALL ROOMS ARE SUBJECT TO STATE AND LOCAL TAXES
THIS HOTEL IS NON-SMOKING
CHECK-IN 4 PM - CHECK-DUT 11 AM





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# Prodigal Sons V Central Florida AA Men's 12-Step Retreat, Fall 2023

### The Fall Retreat is once again around the corner!

<u>WHAT</u>: This is a 3-day, 12-Step Men's Retreat welcome to all members of Alcoholics Anonymous. This retreat is based on the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, put on by recovered alcoholics for other alcoholics in recovery. It is not a religious retreat and the presenters utilize only AA conference approved literature. The events include speakers for each step, buzz group sessions to work the steps, (5) meals, AA speaker meeting, snacks, fellowship, bonfire, lakeside morning meditation. Camp style lodging included with registration fee.

WHEN: Friday November 17 thru Sunday November 19, 2023

WHERE: Lake Yale Baptist Convention Center

39034 County Rd 452, Leesburg, FL 34788

WELCOME: Registration begins 2:00 pm Friday, November 17th

Retreat begins at 4:00pm Dinner served at 5:30pm

COST: \$155: Camp lodging and bring your own bedding, towels, pillow

\$170: Camp lodging with supplied bedding

\$120: All retreat events with no lodging

\*Limited hotel room space for additional fee is available. Call for details.

Payment (check money order, PayPal) Due on September 1, 2023

WHO TO CONTACT: For the application form send an email to: prodigalsonsv@gmail.com

or call/text Daniel at 941-730-4274

## 6<sup>TH</sup> FLORIDA AA ARCHIVES WORKSHOP



Hosted by Areas 1,14, 15 and FCYPAA 9AM to 4PM on Saturday February 17, 2024 Redeemer Lutheran Church 3377 Aloma Ave, Winter Park FL 32792 \$20/person, registration fee includes lunch



Presentations include Florida's AA history, What to collect, How to organize/digitize, How to Interview Old Timers, How to prepare Group Histories, Area/District/Intergroup Archives Displays, and Ethics

Please make checks payable to Florida Archives Workshop and Send Registration check to JoAnn B. 7202 Morningsgate Way, Riverview, Fl 33578 by February 1, 2024. If you have any questions feel free to contact JoAnn B, Registrar/Treasurer, at jballvikingfan@gmail.com

#### **Addresses for Contributions:**

#### **General Service Office**

Post Office Box 2407

James A Farley Station New York, NY 10116

Payable to: AA General Service Office

#### **Area 15 Treasurer**

PO Box 590835 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33359-0835 Payable to: Area 15 Treasurer

#### **District III Treasurer**

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