

2026 Alkaline

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Our Three Legacies... Recovery, Unity & Service

Steps, Traditions and Concepts

Step Eight

"Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all."

Steps Eight and Nine are concerned with personal relationships. First, we take a look backward and try to discover where we had been at fault; next we made a vigorous attempt to repair the damage we have done; and third, having thus cleaned away the debris of the past, we consider how, with our newfound knowledge of ourselves, we may develop the best possible relations with every human being we know.

Tradition Eight

"Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers."

Alcoholics Anonymous will never have a professional class. We have gained some understanding of the ancient words "Freely ye have received, freely give." We have discovered that at the point of professionalism, money and spirituality do not mix. Almost no recovery from alcoholism has ever been brought about by the world's best professionals, whether medical or religious. We do not decry professionalism in other fields, but we accept the sober fact that it does not work for us. Every time we have tried to professionalize our Twelfth Step,

the result has been exactly the same: Our single purpose has been defeated.

Concept Eight

"The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities."

Here the Board's attitude has to be that of custodial oversight; it cannot be the executive. Hence the Trustees are the guarantors of the good management of A.A. World Services, Inc. and The A.A. Grapevine, Inc. They discharge their custodial obligation by electing the directors of these services, a part of whom must always be trustees. By this means, the executive direction of these functions is securely lodged in the active service corporations themselves rather than in the General Service Board. Each corporate service entity should possess its own charter, its own working capital, its own executive, its own employees, its own offices and equipment. Except to mediate difficult situations and to see that the service corporations operate within their budgets and within the general framework of A.A. and Headquarters policy, the Board will seldom need to do more, so far as routine service operations are concerned.

AAGRAPEVINE Checklist

The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

Tradition Eight: Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

1. Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?
2. When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?
3. Do I sometimes try to get some reward—even if not money—for my personal AA efforts?
4. Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on humility?
5. Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?
6. In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?
7. Have I paid enough attention to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions?
To the pamphlet AA Tradition—How It Developed?



Concept VIII: The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

- Do we understand the relationship between the two corporate service entities (A.A. World Services, Inc., the A.A. Grapevine) and the General Service Board?
- How can the business term “custodial oversight” apply to the trustees’ relationship to the two corporate service entities?
- Does my home group subscribe to G.S.O.’s bimonthly newsletter Box 4-5-9? A.A. Grapevine? Do I?

This Month in A.A. History...

August 1:

1946 - Washington Times-Herald (DC) reports on AA clubhouse, to protect members anonymity, withholds address

August 3:

1954 - Brinkley S. gets sober at Towns Hosp after 50th detox

August 3:

1989 - Liberty Bell Group founded in Lake Elsinore, CA - August 3, 1989

August 8:

1879 - Dr Bob S. is born in St Johnsbury, Vermont

August 9:

1980 - After Annual Picnic for 400, LA groups announce 1000 members in 11 groups

August 11:

1938 - Akron & NY members begin writing stories for Big Book

August 15:

1890 - E. M. Jellinek is born, author of The Disease Concept of Alcoholism and the Jellinek Curve

August 16:

1939 - Dr Bob and Sister Ignatia admit 1st alcoholic to St Thomas Hospital, Akron, Ohio

August 18:

1988 - 1st Canadian National AA Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia

August 19:

1941 - 1st AA Meeting in Colorado is held in Denver

August 25:

1943 - AA group donates Big Book to public library in Quincy, MA

August 26:

1941 - Bill writes Dr Bob to tell him Works Publishing has been incorporated

August 28:

1954 - 24 Hours a Day is published by Richmond Walker

Other significant events in August for which we have no specific date:

1934 - Rowland H and Cebra persuade court to parole Ebby T. to them.

1939 - Dr. Bob wrote & may have signed article for Faith magazine.

1941 - 1st meeting in Orange County, California held in Anaheim

1981 - Sales of the Big Book passes 3,000,000



Birthday Club – August 2026

Sandy L. Awakening July 20, 2024

Renee Mc. July 08, 1988

Linda H. S.O.S June 20, 1984

*Anyone wishing to becoming a part
of the Birthday Club — See page 10 for details.*



2026 Tri-District Faithful Fivers

David C. Tom C. Bill S.

Karen A. Virginia D. Lee K.

Carol V. Mark V. Michael D.



TRI-DISTRICT INTERGROUP, INC.

Gratitude BANQUET

A CELEBRATION OF UNITY, SERVICE & RECOVERY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026



HILTON GARDEN INN PENSACOLA

1144 AIRPORT BLVD. • PENSACOLA, FLORIDA 32504



5:30 PM
FELLOWSHIP



6:15 PM
DINNER



7:45 PM
SOBRIETY
COUNTDOWN



8:00 PM
SPEAKER

GIVE
thanks
WITH A
GRATEFUL
heart



— A.A. SPEAKER —
STEPHANIE F.

(Serenity Group, Gadsden St., Pensacola, FL)



DINNER SERVICE WITH CHOICES OF:



STEAK
BEARNAISE



CHICKEN
A'LA ORANGE



MUSHROOM
RAVIOLI

\$40 PER PERSON — GRATUITY INCLUDED



EVENING
ATTIRE



50/50 RAFFLE
50% TO THE WINNER
50% TO CENTRAL OFFICE



BASKET RAFFLE
100% PROCEED
TO GSO



TICKETS AVAILABLE
FROM INTERGROUP
REPS & CENTRAL OFFICE



SEATING LIMITED...

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

Living in the Solution

with Steps 10, 11 & 12

Workshop presented by District 21

Grace Methodist Church

4540 Chumuckla Hwy, Pace, FL

Saturday, October 3, 2026

9 am – 1 pm

Special Guest:

Area 1 Delegate, Luke Bray



**Meat and Salads
provided
Please bring sides &
Desserts**

**Drawings for
Grapevine Literature
Tools & Prompts for
Steps 10 & 11**

As Bill Sees It

Thursday Night Speaker Meeting

August 2026 Speakers:

8/6/26 - Stephanie W. (*Early Risers - Navarre*)

8/13/26 - Rose (*Early Risers - Navarre*)

8/20/26 - Ross O. (*Harbor Town - GB*)

8/27/26 - Clark A. (*Noontime – GB*)

Please come and join us!!

At Our NEW Location!

Thursday Nights from 7:00PM to 8:00PM-ish

at:

Woodbine Church

5200 Woodbine Rd.

Pace, Florida 32571

NINTH FLORIDA AA ARCHIVES WORKSHOP

Sponsored by
Areas 1, 14, 15

\$30 includes
lunch and
snacks

SATUDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2027
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
1820 Co Rd 540A, Lakeland, FL 33813

We have a great program with
Archives workshops

Women in AA, part 2 - Nancy K from
California,

National AA Archives Workshop
recap - Ric B, Area 15 Archivist,

District displays and more!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

*The Florida AA Archives Workshop is
committed to helping District, Intergroup
& Area Alcoholics Anonymous Archivists,
Archive Chairs as well as committee
members working within the service
structure of Alcoholics Anonymous who
are also bound by the spiritual principles
of our Fellowship.*

Name _____ **Title** _____

District _____ **Area** _____ **City, ST** _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

No registrations _____ **x \$30 = Total enclosed** _____

Include in our email list? _____ **Will you bring a display?** _____

Make check or money order payable to:

Florida Archives Workshop

Mail check and completed registration form to:

Jack Barden, PO Box 237, Fort Myers, FL 33902-0237

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Aug 2026

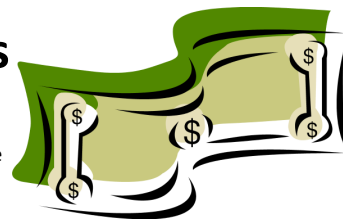
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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02 District 22 GSR Mtg 4:00 pm	03	04	05	06 District 13 GSR Mtg 6:00 pm.	07	08
09	10 Tri-District Intergroup Committee 6:00 pm	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Tri-District Events Committee 6:00 pm	19	20 Alkathon Committee 6:00 pm	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 District 21 GSR Mtg 6:00 pm	28	29
30	31					



Join the Tri-District Faithful Fivers

"When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts, we are only being prudent. But when we give a token that we are grateful for our blessing and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with other who still suffer." — Bill W.

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What are Faithful Fivers?

Faithful Fivers are AA members who contribute at least Five dollars each month to support Tri-District Intergroup AA Central Office to carry the AA message of hope and recovery to those alcoholics who still suffer in the Tri-District Area of Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. As a Faithful Fiver, your personal contribution can and will make our vital services possible.

The Faithful Fiver idea came about when we remembered we wasted much more than five dollars each month during our drinking days. Your contribution will help Tri-District Intergroup AA Central Office provide the services necessary to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Tri-District Central Office

helps carry the AA message to the still suffering alcoholic by coordinating the following services:

- Answers inquiries from those seeking help (suffering alcoholics, sober alcoholics, meetings, groups, professionals and the general public)
- Orders & sells AA literature
- Publishes meeting lists
- Maintains a 12-step list to help the still suffering alcoholic
- Maintains and updates website: www.aapensacola.org
- Acts as an information exchange for all Escambia and Santa Rosa meetings and groups

- Cooperates closely with other AA entities such as GSO New York, General Services, Public Information/Cooperation with Professional Community, Hospitals & Institutions, and Bridging the Gap Committees.

Your Contribution goes directly to supporting these services!

If you want to drink —
That is your business —
If you want to stop drinking —
That's Ours.

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FAITHFUL FIVERS ARE DOING SERVICE WORK!

Yes! Please enroll me as a Faithful Fiver!

Date _____

I will pay ☐ Annually (\$60) ☐ Quarterly (\$15) ☐ Monthly (\$5)

Please email a reminder ☐ Email address _____

Here is my contribution of \$_____ for _____ months.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____

Mail to: Tri-District Central Office, 600 University Office Blvd, Ste 14B, Pensacola, FL 32504



**Birthday Club is when AA members
contribute \$1 per year of their Sobriety
to the Central Office as act of gratitude
and support your local Tri-District Intergroup.**

**All you do is send us your Contribution on your Birthday month
with your sobriety date & home group or mail it in with this sheet
and we will print it in the Newsletter monthly Birthday Club.**

Name

Sobriety Date

Home Group
