

# Intergrouper



December 2018

**Office Hours**  
9-4 M-F  
10-2 Saturday  
Closed Sunday

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## Twelve Tips on Keeping Your Holiday Season Sober and Joyous

Holiday parties without liquid spirits may still seem a dreary prospect to new A.A.s. But many of us have enjoyed the happiest holidays of our lives sober—an idea we would never have dreamed of, wanted, or believed possible when drinking. Here are some tips for having an all-round ball without a drop of alcohol.



**1** *Line up extra A.A. activities for the holiday season. Arrange to take newcomers to meetings, answer the phones at a clubhouse or central office, speak, help with dishes, or visit the alcoholic ward at a hospital.*



**2** *Be host to A.A. friends, especially newcomers. If you don't have a place where you can throw a formal party, take one person to a diner and spring for the coffee.*



**3** *Keep your A.A. telephone list with you all the time. If a drinking urge or panic comes—postpone everything else until you've called an A.A.*



**4** *Find out about the special holiday parties, meetings, or other celebrations*

given by groups in your area, and go. If you're timid, take someone newer than you are.



**5** *Skip any drinking occasion you are nervous about. Remember how clever you were at excuses when drinking? Now put the talent to good use. No office party is as important as saving your life.*



**6** *If you have to go to a drinking party and can't take an A.A. with you, keep some candy handy.*



**7** *Don't think you have to stay late. Plan in advance an "important date" you have to keep.*



*Worship in your own way.*



**9** *Don't sit around brooding. Catch up on those books, museums, walks, and letters.*



**10** *Don't start now getting worked up about all those holiday temptations. Remember—"one day at a time."*



**11** *Enjoy the true beauty of holiday love and joy. Maybe you cannot give material gifts—but this year, you can give love.*

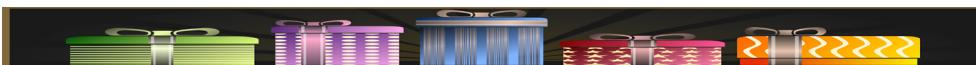


**12** *"Having had a . . ." No need to spell out the Twelfth Step here, since you already know it.*

# With Gratitude

November as Gratitude Month - Was first officially recognized in 1956. As Bill W. urged in a letter, "Gratitude should go forward, rather than backward.....if you carry the message to still others, you will be making the best possible repayment for the help given to you." One of the most satisfying things we receive in Alcoholics Anonymous is humble gratitude that slowly fills our hearts as we continue, day -by -day, to live our program of recovery. Our return is rich. The seed we have planted is small -- merely a willingness to be helped and in turn to help others. Our useless lives become useful. Our fears give way to serenity. Confusion is replaced with purpose. Wishes become actions. Existence becomes a daily adventure in living. Service gives each of us a tangible outlet to show the gratitude welling up in our hearts for the good life we are enjoying.

For the volunteers who made Our Gratitude Banquet possible, it represents endless hours of service for Alcoholics Anonymous. To those individuals, please accept our heartfelt appreciation. On behalf of each and every one of us who benefit from Alcoholics Anonymous and the service of others, thank you for a fantastic evening and supporting our Central Florida Intergroup. . . . Thank you!



<b>Altamonte Springs</b> Chuck S - 27	<b>College Park Triangle</b> Mary P - 37	<b>First Things First</b> Patrick K - 29	Mike C - 2yrs	<b>Pathway to Peace</b> Craig H - 22	<b>Winter Park</b> Allison - 46
Paul C - 9	Jessica C - 8	Mary P - 9	Matt B - 2yrs	<b>Pine Hills Grace</b> Charles T - 24 yrs	Carmen V - 41
Alvin M - 7	Anne S - 16	Linda D - 9	Gary S - 1yr	Keith B - 19 yrs	Russ P - 39
Blake F - 4	Jaime C - 4	Mike B - 8	Tom M - 1yr	Joe R - 13 yrs	Gigi S - 32
Tony S - 2		Linda L - 5	<b>Hope Group</b> Bruce H - 35	Robert M - 4yrs	Mark C - 30
<b>Apopka Big Book</b> Nathan M - 1	<b>Crossroads</b> Ruben S - 19	Christ B - 2	Meg S - 9	Joel Z - 2 yrs	Mary Dell M - 29
	Stéphanie B - 12	Hernan B - 2	Chris W - 4	Kemoy R - 2 yrs	Mari L - 29
	Jamie A - 8	Freddie A - 29	Allison W - 3	David M - 1 yr	Wendy L - 24
	Joseph V - 5	Bruce S - 15	Stehpanie B - 3	Duschen W - 1 yr	Keith R - 24
<b>Back to Basics</b> Cheryl R - 3	Peggy G - 5		Christine S 1		Charles P - 17
	John H - 4	<b>From the Heart</b> Jennifer C - 15	Robert B - 1		Stacy Z - 12
	Jorge M - 4	Cynthia C - 9	David B - 1		Betsy O - 11
<b>Central Orlando</b> Diane H - 27	Theresa H - 3	Elaine D - 9	<b>Jaywalkers</b> Jay W - 25		Greg R - 7
JIm C - 26	Mike K - 2	Ericka R - 3	Brad K - 5		David D - 7
Jay W - 25	Robyn B - 2		Dave G - 4		Alicia L - 7
Joe M - 21	Kerri S - 1	<b>Greenhouse</b> Gigi S - 32	Pat S - 2		Courtne H - 7
Vaughn B - 8	<b>Dr. Phillips</b> Daniel S - 30	Christine S - 29	<b>Lake Nona</b> Rocky E - 13		Evelyn M - 6
Melanie S - 7		Brian F - 28	<b>Moss Park</b> Joe C - 13		Tony E - 6
Bill S - 6	Patrick K - 29	Cathy C - 2	Rocky E - 13		David B - 6
Theresa M - 5	Rocky E - 13	Linda D - 9	Sherry S - 1		Glenn S - 5
Emily B - 4	Mike D - 13	Deirdre - 6	<b>Living Sober</b> Jackie C - 46yrs		Marissa H - 5
Sharon G - 4		Michelle D - 5	Sonny - 37		Mark H - 5
Kim B - 3		Chris W - 4	Diane V - 30		David K - 5
Tiffany D - 2		Kumar A - 3	Wendy L - 24yrs		Mike L - 5
Charlie - 1		Matt B - 3	Bill C - 12yrs		Geraldo B - 4
Chiara - 1		Ian L - 3	Nicole S - 9yrs		Damian S - 4
Heidi D - 1		Michele @ - 2	Normie K - 7yrs		Ericka S - 3
<b>Clean Air</b> Ken F - 33		Jeff B - 2	Art B - 3yrs		Carlos H - 3
Fred A - 29		Robbie B - 2	Eric S - 3yrs		Robyn B - 2
Art R - 27		Chris B - 2	Jackie B - 3yrs		Matt G - 2
Susan W - 5		Jon W - 2	Dana B - 2yrs		Kevin W - 2
					Lauren M - 1
					Richie N - 1
					Stacey O - 1

## Bill Wilson's Christmas Message

In many meetings and groups of A.A. the holiday season is special, many times during these times we share our gratitude, our optimism regarding the future, and all the blessings we received in recovery. One sign of unity is certainly our blessings within our recovery and the message of hope we share with new members working in the recovery rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Bill W., our cofounder, shared a holiday message to all our members in December, 1944, nine years after our founding in May, 1935. That message of recovery is shared below, our society wishes holiday blessings to all this year, 69 years after Bill's message reminding all of us the spiritual awaking we share with each other no matter what faith, what belief, which God of our understanding we look to for guidance and support. Happy holidays to all this year.

Vic L.

Decisions Group, Winter Springs, Florida, December, 2018

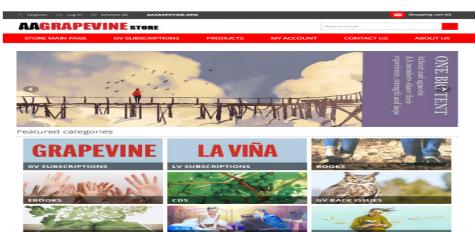
## AA GRAPEVINE & Your Group

**AA Grapevine & Your Group**  
has been designed to briefly update groups on all things  
Grapevine each quarter.

### Annual Photo Contest

**Send your best photographs by Dec. 1st!**

[www.aagrapevine.org/photocontest](http://www.aagrapevine.org/photocontest)



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**AA GRAPEVINE'S**  
New Online Store

[www.aagrapevine.org/store](http://www.aagrapevine.org/store)

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Store pages



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## Crossroads Group Orlando

5205 South Orange Ave. Suite 204

Movie matinee 1st Saturday of every month!  
Show time 1pm  
Families welcome

Crossroads has over 100 movies to pick from or bring a red box to view. PG-13 or G rated movies please!

Bring your own soda and popcorn.



### How to Sponsor Subscriptions

Help Carry the Message with Grapevine and La Viña  
Your group can help carry the message to alcoholics in need. Learn more about how to use the Carry the Message Project in Twelfth Step work.

Download the poster to the right for your group or Visit [www.aagrapevine.org/carry-the-message](http://www.aagrapevine.org/carry-the-message)

Learn about one GV Area Chair's plan of action.

## Tribe Holiday Dinner

and

## Gratitude Meeting

December 8, 2018

St. Richards Episcopal Church  
5151 Lake Howell Road  
Winter Park, Florida

Doors open at 5:30p - Meeting starts at 7:00p  
Dessert Contest \$25.00 prize

Citrus Herb Roasted Turkey  
Green Bean Casserole  
Corn Pudding  
Mashed Potatoes  
Gravy  
Bread / Rolls  
Tea / Lemonade / Coffee

\*\* Meeting Attendance is Free \*\*

Dinner Ticket \$20

Must Be Purchased in Advance at the Sept., Oct., or Nov. Monthly Tribe Meeting or at "Ladies on the Porch" meetings at 9:30a every Saturday

The Crossroads Group History of AA meets at 5205 South Orange at 10:00 am Saturdays. The December meeting topics are:

Dec. 1 Bruce B. Tim P. And Tom J. Discuss

“Meetings in the Akron-Youngstown-Cleveland area”

Dec. 8 “History of the Grapevine/la Viña” presenter Deb B

Dec. 15 “The Doctor’s Opinion” presenter Paula

Dec. 22 “TDO- Allergy of the Body” presenter Vic L.

Dec. 29 “TDO- Obsession if the Mind”

This is an open meeting. All are welcome!

## Intergroup New Year's Eve Celebration, Meeting & Potluck

Monday, December 31  
St. Stephen Lutheran Church  
2140 W. State Road 434, Longwood

## NEW THIS YEAR!

9 PM SPEAKER MEETING!

SCAVENGER HUNT!

ACTIVITIES AND GAMES!

PRIZES!

SELFIE STATION WITH FUN PROPS!

NON-SMOKING VENUE!

(Smoking will be permitted off property)

### Sequence of Events:

7 pm: Doors Open, Scavenger Hunt Registration & 50/50 Raffle Opens

8 pm: Dinner & Fellowship

9 pm: Speaker Meeting Featuring Jordan M from Jaywalkers

10 pm: Games, Fellowship & Dessert

11:30 pm: Scavenger Hunt & 50/50 Raffle Closes, Dancing Begins!

12 pm: Scavenger Hunt Prizes Awarded and 50/50 Winner Announced  
(must be present to win)

### Potluck:

Intergroup will provide the meats, please bring a side dish or dessert.

If you are bringing a dish, please arrive by 7 pm.

### Service Scavenger Hunt Details...

Join in the fun of racing to find the recovery-themed items on our Service Scavenger Hunt list! Prizes will be given to the first three teams with the highest points that complete their mission by midnight!

- Teams of four to six people
- Teams must register at the event when the doors open
- Teams will receive scavenger hunt list at registration
- Teams must be courteous and respectful to their teammates and all the outside people involved in the scavenger hunt
- Winners will be announced after the stroke of midnight

### Volunteers Needed!!!

Greeters: two to three people needed

Parking attendees: two to three people needed

Security/smoking monitors: two to three people needed

Food/buffet monitors: two to three people needed

50/50 Raffle: three to four people needed

Clean up after event: ten to twelve people needed

If you're interested in planning for or serving at the event please contact the Intergroup office.

<b>OCTOBER 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>	
Apopka Big Book	\$40.00
Azalea Park	\$50.00
First Things First	\$113.00
Greenhouse	\$90.00
Groupo Esperanza	\$15.00
Happy Hour	\$40.00
High Noon	\$269.59
It's In the Book	\$91.25
Jaywalker's	\$365.47
Live Oaks	\$100.00
Made A Beginning	\$735.38
Pine Hills Grace	\$120.00
Saturday Night Sobriety	\$20.00
Serenity Now	\$35.00
The Herd Instinct	\$21.26
Three Legacies	\$100.00
Wekiva Basics	\$150.00
Winter Park Men's	\$240.00
<b>TOTAL GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>	<b>\$2,595.95</b>
 <b>INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>	
Anonymous/Anniversary	\$27.00
Anonymous/Anniversary	\$33.00
Anonymous/Anniversary	\$26.00
Anonymous/Anniversary	\$27.00
Anonymous	\$5.00
<b>TOTAL INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>	<b>\$118.00</b>
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$2,713.95</b>

Intergroup Abbreviated Profit & Loss Statement			
	Jan-Oct Actual	Jan-Oct Budget	\$ Over/Under
Gross Revenue	\$83,373	\$85,850	( \$ 2,477 )
Cost of Goods Sold	\$36,411	\$30,000	\$6,411
Gross Profit	\$46,962	\$55,850	( \$8,888 )
Total Expense	\$65,166	\$67,087	( \$1,920 )
Net Ordinary Income	( \$18,204 )	( \$11,237 )	( \$ 6,967 )
Net Fundraising/Activities	\$23,915	\$ 21,250	\$ 2,665
Net Income	\$5,711	\$10,013	( \$4,302 )

**Addresses to send  
7th Tradition  
Contributions  
to A.A. Entities:**

**District 9**  
PO Box 560064  
Orlando, FL 32856

**District 10**  
PO Box 547853  
Orlando, FL 32854

**District 11**  
PO Box 141571  
Orlando, FL 32814

**District 18**  
PO Box 162855  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32716

**NFAC**  
(North Florida  
Area Conference)  
5703 Red Bug Lake Rd, #241  
Winter Springs, FL 32708

**The General Service Office**  
PO Box 459  
Grand Central Station  
New York, NY 10163-0459

**Central Florida Intergroup  
Services, Inc.**  
283 Live Oaks Blvd  
Casselberry, FL 32707

**Three Legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous**  
AA's Twelve Steps are principles for personal recovery. The Twelve Traditions ensure the unity of the Fellowship. The Twelve Concepts for World Service provide a group of related principles to help ensure that various elements of A.A.'s service structure remain responsive and responsible to those they serve. **Step Twelve:** "Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs." **Tradition Twelve:** "Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities. **Concept Twelve:** General Warranties of the Conference: In all the proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the Conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that, though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action."

# CHRISTMAS ALKATHON

Food, Friends, & Meetings

AA  
36 Hours  
Noon Christmas Eve  
Till Midnight Christmas Night  
REBOS Clubhouse

Presented by:  
The Groups of REBOS  
130 Normandy Road  
Casselberry FL 32707  
REBOS Club

Annual South Sanford Group of AA

## HOLIDAY Alcathon

36 Hours of Meetings & Fellowship

STARTS: December 24, 2018, 12 Noon  
ENDS: December 25, 2018, 12 Midnight

LOCATION: South Sanford Group of AA  
203 E. 3rd Street, Sanford, FL

Meetings held on the even hour,  
fellowship held on the odd hour.  
Food, coffee and beverages served throughout.

## Ponderosa Group Annual Birthday Meeting

Founded 2/6/1997

**Al-Anon Speaker – TBA**  
**A.A. Speaker – Dale S.**  
**(Happy Hour Group)**

**Main Entrée Provided by Ponderosa Group**  
**Bring a Dish (if you choose)**

**Drinks & Coffee..Coffee..Coffee**

**Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019**   **6:30 Fellowship**  
**7:00 Dinner**  
**8:00 Speakers**

**College Park Presbyterian Church**  
118 E Par St (corner of Par & Formosa)  
Orlando, 32804

**Fun – Food – Fellowship**  
**Bring the Family**

**Enjoy Salads**  
**Casseroles**  
**Vegetables,**  
**Desserts**

AREA 14 GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA AND DISTRICT 9 PRESENT

## HOW TO WRITE FOR GRAPEVINE AND LA VIÑA

GUIDELINES AND TIPS FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES TO OUR 'MEETING IN PRINT'

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8  
1PM - 3PM

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH  
5135 SAND LAKE ROAD, ORLANDO

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED

TO MANEUVER THROUGH CONSTRUCTION, ENTER AT THE LIGHT ON MANDARIN DR. TURN LEFT ONTO STEYR ST. FOLLOW YELLOW AA SIGNS TO BACK ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH

SCAN QR CODE FOR QUICK ACCESS TO A MAP

Pass It On

### Holiday Dinner & Speaker Meeting

We Welcome Randie P.  
From Winter Garden

December 15, 2018  
St Stephen Church  
2140 W SR 434 Longwood

6:00 p.m. Dinner with Speaker at 7:30  
"Please note that seating is limited to 104 people"

Main course, dessert and coffee will be provided, please bring:

Appetizers, Side Dish (salad, veggies, Etc.)

Family & Friends Welcome

## Jaywalkers Group 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Campout

February 9-10, 2019

The Jaywalkers Group invites you to a weekend at Lake Mills Park February 9-10

Enjoy a weekend of good food, great AA speakers and fellowship, and a special Sunday morning "God as You Understand Him" meeting.

There are playgrounds, volleyball, horseshoes and other games. We have reserved all the campsites for Saturday night, with room for 90 campers! Facilities are available next to the campsites.



Boardwalk on Lake Mills



Sunday AM Meeting Place

### Saturday 2/09/2019

12 Noon—Lunch  
2 pm—Open Speaker Meeting  
5pm—Dinner  
7 pm—Open Speaker Meeting  
10 pm—Closed Campfire Meeting

### Sunday 2/10/2019

9 am—Pancake & Sausage breakfast  
10:30 am—"God as You Understand Him" Mtg.  
12 Noon—Lunch  
1 pm—Open Speaker Meeting  
3 pm—Closed Campfire Meeting

The registration fee is \$10 per person, \$15 if you are going to camp (children under 12 are free either way). There are 12 campsites that can hold 4 people, and one that holds 40. The sites have grills and fire pits. The registration fee includes lunch, dinner and breakfast.

## Live Oaks Group

Presents a



### Golf Tournament

(Start planning your foursome)

Coming in April 2019

The Country Club at Deer Run

Prepare yourself for a super fun day

Filled with surprises

Details to follow.

## PHGG Holiday Alcathons Ending 2018

### Christmas Alcathon at Pine Hills Grace Group

December 24 @ 12:00 PM – 10:00 PM

December 25 @ 12:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Pine Hills Grace Group

4971 West Colonial Drive

Orlando, FL 32808

Join us, Pine Hills Grace Group for open discussion meetings on the even hours, fellowship between meetings, and the club house is open all day. Meetings will be held from 12 PM through 10 PM on Christmas Eve and from 12 PM through 10 PM Christmas Day.

### New Year's Alcathon at Pine Hills Grace Group

December 31 @ 12:00 PM – 10:00 PM

January 1st @ 12:00 PM – 10:00 PM

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## Christmas Alkathon

**December 24 and 25**

7 PM Christmas Eve to 7 PM  
Christmas Day



**Meetings every 2 hours**

**To chair a meeting , put**

**your name on signup**

**sheet at East Side Club**

**2017 N Goldenrod Rd, Orlando, FL 32807**

**1/2 mile north of Hwy 50 on Goldenrod Rd**

**Across the street from the church**

Apopka Big Book  
Speaker Meeting  
December 2018

DATE	NAME	GROUP
6 Dec.	Harold K.	Sanford
13 Dec.	Roy J.	Longwood
20 Dec.	Lyne C.	Big Book PH
27 Dec.	Nathan M.	Apopka BB

Thursdays at 8 PM  
261 South McGee AVE.  
Apopka, FL

# December 2018

\* An asterisk indicates information is available in the newsletter

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Grapevine Workshop* Tribe Dinner*
9	10 <b>Intergrouper Deadline for Submissions</b>	11 <b>District 18</b> 6:30 pm Longwood	12	13	14	15 Pass It On Dinner - Speaker Meeting*
16	17 <b>District 10</b> 6:30 pm Winter Park. <b>District 11</b> 7:00 pm Orlando	18 <b>District 9</b> 6:30 pm Orlando	19 <b>Service Committee</b> , 6:30 pm CFI	20	21	22
23	24 <b>CFI/book- store closes @ noon Alkathons</b>	25 <b>CFI/book- store closed Alkathons</b>	26	27	28	29
30 <b>Delegates Meeting</b> 11:30 am Orlando	31 <b>NYE Celebration*</b>					

## This Month's Events

- 8 - Grapevine/La Vina Workshop\*
- 8 - Tribe Holiday Dinner\*
- 15 - Pass It On Holiday Dinner/Speaker
- 24 - 25 Alkathons\*
- 31 - NYE Celebration\*

## Save the Date in 2019

- February 7 - Ponderosa Annual Birthday Meeting\*
- February 9-10 Jaywalkers Campout\*
- April - Golf Tournament, Live Oaks Group\*

**Dist. 9** meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday at Crossroads Group, 5205 S. Orange Ave, Ste. 204, Orlando

**Dist.10** meets at 6:30 p.m. the last Monday at the Winter Park Group, 5407 Lake Howell Rd., Winter Park

**Dist.11** meets at 7:00 p.m. the 3rd Monday at East Side Club, 2017 N Golden Rd., Orlando

**Dist.18** meets at 6:30 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 2140 W. S.R. 434, Longwood

**Delegates** meet at 11:30 a.m. the last Sunday at Central, 310 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando

**Service Committee** meets at 6:30 p.m. at Intergroup on the Wednesday 10 days before the Delegates' meeting.

**I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that I am responsible!**