

OSCEOLA GRATITUDE GAZETTE

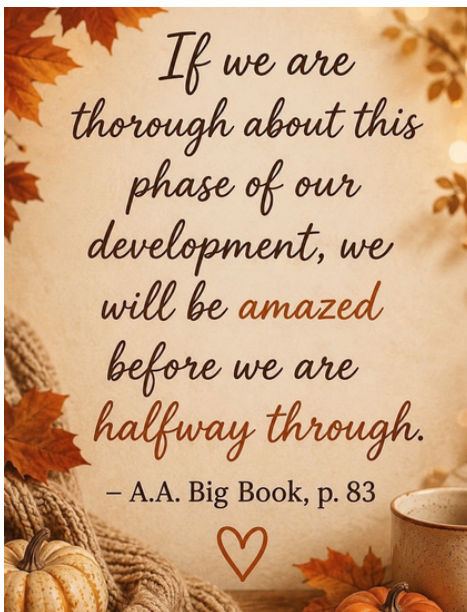
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INTERGROUP

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WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter



In this newsletter:

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- How to Contribute to Intergroup
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- Upcoming Events
- Service Opportunities

OUR PURPOSE

This newsletter was born out of the desire to stay in touch and share the good things happening within our groups. Our mission is to connect members, celebrate milestones, and spread hope.

Save the date!!

- 9/5 Labor Day Potluck
- 9/27 Primary Purpose Group Anniversary Meeting

See page 5 & 6 for event details

Thank you to all the groups who continue to give their support and contributions. Your service keeps us connected and carrying the message

How to contribute

Mail-in Contributions:
Make checks payable to:
Osceola County Intergroup
Include your group name

Mail to:
Osceola County Intergroup
15300 Groveside Road #101,
Winter Garden, FL, 34787

Now accepting Zelle!

Use Zelle for contributions or literature purchases.
If your Bank uses Zelle, then you can send contributions using our email:

osceolacountyintergroup@gmail.com

Please include a note with your payment indicating its purpose (e.g., "contribution" or "literature purchase").

2nd Quarter 7th Tradition Contributions

St. Cloud Group	\$15.50
Happy Joyous & Free	\$25
There is a Solution	\$315.66
Individual	\$5.00
Total	\$361.16

DID YOU KNOW OSCEOLA COUNTY AA INTERGROUP CAN SUPPLY YOUR LITERATURE AND CHIP NEEDS?

By purchasing AA Literature, Pamphlets, Chips, and Medallions from Osceola County Intergroup you are supporting Osceola County Intergroup and local AA groups. Our prices are competitive with other non-AA suppliers.

We carry a large supply of inventory available to you quickly. We can also place orders if we don't have what you need.

Having an AA event? Why not sell some AA Literature and display AA Pamphlets? Need ideas for a raffle? Put together a basket of AA goodies.

WHAT WE CARRY

Books

- Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book in English and Spanish, Large Print, Hard and Soft Covers, Pocket Edition
- 12 & 12 In English, Spanish, Large Print, Hard and Soft Covers, Pocket Edition
- As Bill Sees It, Came to Believe, Daily Reflections, Living Sober, Plain Language Big Book, Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers, and more!

Chips and Coins

- 24 Hour through 11 Month Chips
- 1 Year – 55 Years Medallions

Pamphlets

- This is AA, Frequently Asked Questions, Young People in AA, A Newcomer Asks, 12 Traditions Flyer, LGBTQ Alcoholics in AA, Q&A on Sponsorship, Women in AA, and over 50 more!

Packets of Pamphlets

- Beginners Packet filled with pamphlets and information for the newcomer.
- Spanish Packets filled with pamphlets in Spanish.

Contact for prices, ordering, information:
literature@osceolacountyintergroup.org

Grapevine

A Benchmark In Recovery

Step Nine - Made direct amends to such people wherever possible except when to do so would injure them or others.

When I arrived at the Eighth and Ninth Steps, I found I had an unusual amends to make. I needed to make amends to the entire town I grew up in, for various acts of juvenile delinquency. There was no way of finding individual firemen, policemen, or citizens I may have involved or harmed twenty years before. But I still wanted to make amends in some way.

I first tried writing a letter to the local newspaper, outlining my transgressions of the past, and declaring that I wanted to apologize to the town. The editor refused to publish my letter, saying that such a letter might actually encourage other young people to misbehave.

So I turned the whole thing over to my Higher Power and went on about the business of living in sobriety.

One day, after about a year in the program, I sat down on a park bench to rest. It occurred to me that someone ought to paint the bench, spruce it up. I thought about doing it myself, but I realized I would need a whole bagful of tools, besides the paint, to do a good job. It was too much for me to deal with. So I turned it over to my Higher Power.

Another year had gone by when I sat on another bench in another park and I thought, "Somebody ought to paint this bench!" I realized that over the preceding year I had acquired most of the tools I would need. All I needed to buy was some paint and some brushes.

I bought the needed supplies, assembled my tools, put them all in a large shopping bag and I began to paint park benches. I took it one day at a time, painting one bench at a time.

Grapevine

Over a period of three years I painted about thirty benches in three parks. Some of the benches were getting tough use and those I painted twice. I used a rasp to smooth out coarse edges and sandpaper to roughen the surface of the smooth, weatherworn boards so they would take the paint. I did a priming coat and another day a finishing coat. It took about four hours' work altogether to do one bench.

I want to say that I enjoyed the work. It wasn't drudgery for me. I was outdoors, in the parks, out in the sun and the wind, listening to the birds, watching the squirrels, and sometimes interacting with people in the park.

I never told anyone, outside of AA, that I was doing this to make amends. I just said that it needed doing and I enjoyed doing it. Some people asked if this was required court-ordered community service, and I said, "No, I'm just a volunteer."

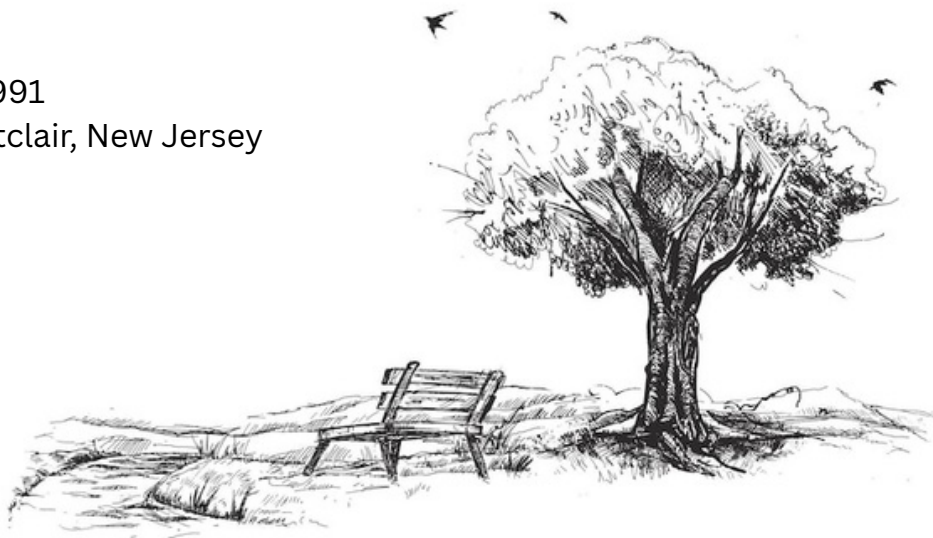
Then came a day, after about three years, when it occurred to me that I was done. I had made my amends to the town. I didn't have to do it anymore.

Several years have passed. I still use those parks as a place to sit and rest. Occasionally I see a bench that needs painting and I remember the work I did. But I don't do it anymore. Now the town does it.

If you can't figure out how to make amends, just turn it over to your Higher Power. In time, there will be an answer, there will be a way.

September 1991

Jack A. | Montclair, New Jersey



Events in Osceola

LABOR DAY POTLUCK

Hosted by
HAPPY JOYOUS & FREE GROUP

SEPTEMBER 5TH

5:00PM-6:30PM

REBOS

1614 ORANGE AVE,
SAINT CLOUD, FL, 34769

HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS PROVIDED

PLEASE BRING A SIDE OR DESSERT

Events in Osceola

Primary Purpose Group

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

*Join us in
celebration!*



Please join us as we
come together and
recognize and celebrate
milestones!



6PM

**THE LAST SUNDAY
OF EVERY MONTH**



LOCATION:

WEST SIDE CLUB



101 W Cypress St Suite L,
Kissimmee, FL 34741



ONE DAY AT A TIME.

PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP

BEGINNER MEETING



New to Recovery?



Looking for a fresh start?



You are welcome here



EVERY SATURDAY AT 6PM



LOCATION:

WEST SIDE CLUB

101 W CYPRESS ST SUITE L, KISSIMMEE, FL 34741



Events in Osceola

The New Freedom Group

Dear AA Members,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm reaching out on behalf of the New Freedom Group to invite you to be a guest speaker at our Wednesday night Big Book Study meeting.

Our group deeply values the experience, strength, and hope shared by AA members, and we believe your perspective would be a meaningful addition to the meeting. As you know, our format is centered around the Big Book, and we'd love for you to share your experience related to a section or principle from the book that has had an impact on your journey.

Meeting Details:

When: Wednesday nights at 7:30pm

Where: Ponciana Christian Church

Format: Read pertinent section of the Big Book, followed by 10–15 minutes of guest speaker sharing and then open discussion

If you're open to speaking, just let us know a date that works for you and we'll get you scheduled. We'd be honored to have you share.

Thank you for considering,

With gratitude,

Jim C.

NFG Chairperson

Cell:(516) 474-2723

Email: jcoogs7@gmail.com or poincianasnfg@gmail.com

BIG BOOK STUDY					
	SUBJECT	PAGES	SPEAKER	PHONE	DATE
Week 1	Prefaces and Forwards	Read All	Jim C.		3/18/2026
Week 2	Doctors Opinion	Read all	Larry F.		3/25/2026
Week 3	Bill Story	p. 1 to 16	Michael F.	(954) 695-5555	4/1/2026
Week 4	Dr. Bob's Nightmare	p. 171 to 181	Tony G.		4/8/2026
Week 5	There is a Solution	p. 17 to 29	William E.	(757) 692-4767	4/15/2026
Week 6	More About Alcoholism	p. 30 to 37 ¶3	George P.	(203) 731-4015	4/22/2026
Week 7	More About Alcoholism	p. 37 ¶4 to end	Kurt B.	(407) 300-8620	4/29/2026
Week 8	We Agnostics	P. 44 to 47 ¶ 3 App. II Spritual Experince	Kate K.	(570) 236-0443	5/6/26
Week 9	We Agnostics	pg.47 ¶4 to end	Jim T.	(605) 305-5639	5/13/26
Week 10	How it Works Step 3	p.58 to p. 63 ¶3	Mary I.	(516) 721-7018	5/20/26
Week 11	How it Works Step 4(Resentment)	p.63 ¶4 to p.67 ¶3	Tony G.	(631) 379-7313	5/27/26
Week 12	How it Works Step 4(Fear)	p.67 ¶4 to p.68 ¶3	Debby R.	(202) 257-7073	6/3/2026
Week 13	How it Works Step 4(Sex/Harms)	p. 68 ¶4 to p.71	Jim C.	(516) 474-2723	6/10/26
Week 14	Into Action Step 5	p. 72 to 75	Ralph D.	(407) 460-3401	6/17/26
Week 15	Into Action Step 6&7	p. 76 ¶1-2	Mary I.	(516) 721-7018	6/24/26
Week 16	Into Action Step 8&9	p. 76 ¶3 g. 84 ¶2			7/1/26
Week 17	Into Action Step 10	p. 84 ¶3 p. 85 ¶2			7/8/26
Week 18	Into Action Step 11	pg. 85 ¶3 to end			7/15/26
Week 19	Working With Others Step 12 (sponsorsh	pg. 89 to p.96 ¶1			7/22/26
Week 20	Working With Others Step 12 (sponsorsh	pg. 96 ¶2 to end			7/29/26
Week 21	To the Wives Step 12 (relationship)	pg. 104 to pg. 121			8/5/26
Week 22	Family Afterward Step 12 (family)	p. 122 to p.127 ¶3			8/12/26
Week 23	Family Afterward Step 12 (family)	pg. 127 ¶4 to end			8/19/2026
Week 24	To the Employer Step 12 (workplace)	pg. 136 to 150			8/26/2026
Week 25	A Vision for You Step 12 (founders to us)	pg. 151 to 158 ¶4			9/2/2026
Week 26	A Vision for You Step 12 (founders to us)	pg. 158 ¶5 to end			9/9/2026

Events in Florida

HOPE LIVES HERE

A Benefit for Dr. Bob's Home

Proceeds Support Dr. Bob's Home, 855 Ardmore Ave, Akron, OH 44302

Dr. Bob Smith, co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday, October 17th, 2026

10 AM—3 PM—Doors Open 9:30 AM

Graceway Church

10200 Morningside Drive

Leesburg, FL 34788

Featuring GAIL L. — ARCHIVIST

- The History of Dr. Bob's Home
 - The History of the Writing of the Big Book
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Tickets—\$32 Per Person (Use QR code below)

INCLUDES BOX LUNCH and DRINK



For more information contact:

Andy D. | swccd7@gmail.com | (352) 933-6353

Service

THEY NEED OUR HELP

District 31 Osceola County Corrections Committee

**Looking for Volunteers to Bring AA to
Osceola County Jail on Simpson Road**

Volunteer Requirements

**Must have a clean criminal record &
a current Florida State issued Driver's License**

Monthly Corrections Committee Meeting

Last Tuesday of Month @ 6pm Zoom ID 8730264129 Pass: i8Aew8

Mondays @ 7pm Women's Meeting

Fridays @ 7pm Men's Meeting

For more details please email

Riccardo @ recoveryriccardo@yahoo.com

Travis @ traviswfelisky@hotmail.com

Becca K. 585-414-2826 Text Only

Jena 407-726-9008 Text Only



Step 9

Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Tradition 9

A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

9th Principle

Responsibility:

Owning one's actions and making amends to those harmed.

Intergroup Meetings

Intergroup meetings are held virtually on Zoom, on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:00pm

Zoom Meeting ID:

817 1675 3808

Password: 917635

Elected 2025 Officers

Chairperson: Walda H.

Alternate Chair: Chris H.

Secretary: Ruthie J.

Alternate Secretary: Walda H.

Treasurer: Beth M.

Alternate Treasurer: OPEN

Hotline Coordinator: Suresh P.

Alternate Hotline: OPEN

Webmaster: Heather S.

Alternate Webmaster: Eric B.

Literature Coordinator: Mike R.

Alternate Literature: OPEN

Newsletter Coordinator: Heather S.

Alternate Newsletter: Jena T.

We'd love to hear from you!!!

Have something on your heart to share? We would love to include your experience, strength, and hope in a future issue. Whether it is an event, anniversary, reflection, poem or recovery story, your words might be exactly what someone needs to hear today. Please send submissions to:

ocigazette@gmail.com

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