



NATURE COAST JOURNAL

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Nature Coast Intergroup and District 28 Business Meetings are usually held on the first Sunday of the Month at Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, 2540 West Norvell Bryant Highway, Lecanto, FL

Intergroup meets at 4:30pm and District meets at 5:45pm.

All Are Welcome!!!

Intergroup & District 28 Business Meeting Dates

Jan 12	Feb 2
Mar 2	Apr 13
May 4	June 1
July 6	Aug 3
Sept 7	Oct 12
Nov 2	Dec 1

TOOL BOX LARRY (OR "BREEZY DOES IT")

At the Holder Way of Life Group that met at the Holder Community Center in Holder, Florida, we had meetings on Tuesdays (closed step) and Saturdays (open discussion) back in the late 1980's. There was always a lot of smoke in the rooms back then because many AA's were smoking cigarettes and sometimes even cigars.



There was an old-timer named Lynn, whose wife, Lillian, had to use an oxygen breathing machine with the hoses connected to her nose. At the monthly business meeting, Lynn brought up the motion to stop smoking at the meetings. After much discussion it was voted on and passed to have the table where Lillian always sat to be a "non-smoking" table with a red sign that indicated that it was non-smoking.

Well the room was still filled with smoke as you can imagine, so Lynn asked his sponsee, Tool Box Larry, if they could come up with an alternative solution to the smoke problem. Larry worked at the nuclear power plant in Crystal River and did some air conditioning work on the side. So Tool Box Larry devised a 2 foot by 4 foot styrofoam box with a motor inside it. It was

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HOTLINE: 352-621-0599



EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

March 22 at 10:30 am

Cattle Dogs, 210B Thompkins Street, Inverness

For Info contact: Steve P. at 727-243-5682 or petersonsls@yahoo.com



CORNHOLE RESULTS



The first event planned by the new events committee was a great success. Over 20 AA's and friends joined in for some fun in the sun on Saturday, February 15, at Liberty Park in Inverness.

GET INVOLVED!



Nature Coast Intergroup & District 28
co-sponsor



Founders Day



Planning is underway for the Founder's Day Luncheon. The tentative date for the Founder's Day Celebration is Saturday, June 14. Save the Date. More details to come.

Better yet, become part of the Planning Committee, call or text Steve P. at 727-243-5682.



Friday, April 4

First Christian Church
2018 Colonade Street
Inverness

Doors Open @ 5:00PM

Dinner @ 6:30PM

Guest Speaker
7:30 - 8:30 PM

Suggested Contribution
\$3 per person

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propped up against the open window in the building and steadied by a set of PVC legs. The motor sucked the smoke from inside the room and channeled it out the window. It worked so well that Tool Box Larry made a sign and taped it to the box that said "BREEZY DOES IT". After each meeting, the box was taken down and stored in the kitchen.

Lynn didn't like holding hands when saying the Lord's Prayer after the meeting, so he left the group with Tool Box Larry, bought a coffee pot and started a new meeting. The What's The Book Say Group met on Wednesday nights at Quail Run Community Center just up the road from the Holder Community Center. After years of successful meetings, the rent increase at Quail Run and forced the group to relocate back to the Holder Community Center, where the rent was cheaper. The group still meets there to this day.

Tool Box Larry passed away a few years ago. He was well liked by everyone and always had a good joke to tell.

Historical Note: Citrus County Parks and Recreation issued a ban on all cigarette smoking in all of the county buildings around 1991-1992. And just like that, the ashtray guy was out of a job.

*A reflection on Citrus County AA History
by Dave D.*

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES



If you would like us to recognize the sober anniversaries in your group, please send them to news@ncintergroup.com.

The Monday Nite Men's Step Group at Shepherd of the Hills Church announces these anniversaries.

Chris C.	2 years
Jason R.	2 years
Greg B.	4 years
Bob H.	30 years

Crystal River Group at Serenity Club celebrates these anniversaries. It meets daily at noon and 8pm next to St. Benedict's Church.

Danielle M.	6 years
JD	6 years
Debbie Lee	11 years
Jackie R.	16 years
Janice G.	24 years
Bob T.	29 years

DOES YOUR GROUP HAVE A PINK CAN?

We AA's need to carry the message by our efforts and our funding. The Pink Can supports AA's prison work.



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

SEVENTH TRADITION

For **District** contributions, please **write your group name and number** on the check.

Make check payable to
"District 28" and mail to:
District 28,
PO Box 640914,
Beverly Hills, FL 34464

For **Intergroup** contributions, please **write your group name and number** on the check.

Make check payable to
"Nature Coast Intergroup"
and mail to:
Nature Coast Intergroup,
PO Box 2634,
Crystal River, FL 34423

SEVENTH TRADITION

For **Area** (aanorthflorida.org) and **GSO** (aa.org) **online** contributions are preferred.

If paying **Area** by check, please write
"District 28" and your group name and number on the check.

Make check payable to
"NFAC" and mail to:
Area 14, Panel 75 Treasurer,
PO Box 840066,
St. Augustine, FL 32080

If paying **GSO** by check, please write
"District 28" and your group name and number on the check.

Make check payable to
"General Service Board" and mail to:
GSO, PO Box 2407, James A. Farley
Station, New York, NY 10116-2407

Step Three



"Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him."

Tradition Three



"The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking."

Concept Three



"To ensure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. – the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives – with a traditional "Right of Decision".



Redrick House Noon AA
840 N Citrus Ave, Crystal River, FL



Next to Citrus Diagnostic
Center.

Enter off Citrus Avenue
at the gravel path.

Handicapped Accessible

Noon meetings
Monday through Friday