THE PROMISES



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DISTRICT 22 OF THE NORTH FLORIDA CONFERENCE AREA 14

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WEBSITE: HTTPS://aaflagler.org

Please check the "EVENTS" section for last minute updates for event locations/times!

FLAGLER AA HELPLINE: 386-445-HELP (4537)

EMAIL: <u>ThePromises@aaflagler.org</u>

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

- Flagler County Intergroup District 22 meets the first Sunday of each month 5:00 p.m. Silver Dollar 2 Club at 2729 E Moody Blvd Ste 707, Bunnell Please email Glenn at: Chair@aaflagler.org for volunteer information!
- **GSR District 22 Meetings** meets the last Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church, 1520 S Daytona Ave, Flagler Beach, FL 32136

*Open positions: DCM, committee chairs for CPC/PI, Archives, Grapevine, Treatment and Corrections, Accessibilities. For information check the website under "Structures and Guidelines."

Thank you to the volunteers who have given their time and their hearts to maintain AA Unity!



A Happy and Sober New Year to All!

- Are you willing to make a 12-Step Call? Contact the Help Line! 386-445-HELP
- Meetings are needed at the Flagler County Jail. For more information, contact Heather F., District Chair Hospitals & Institutions, after 2:30 p.m. at 904-923-0943.
- PROJECT WARM NEEDS YOU! Speakers are needed for Friday nights from 6:30 -7:30 Please text or call Eileen C. at 386 627 9570.
- INTERGROUP REPS WANTED! Ask about openings in your home group or email Glenn at: Chair@aaflagler.org
- The Spring Picnic needs a sponsoring group April 12, 2025. Chair@aaflagler.org















Thank you, Jim, for 9 years of service spreading the message of sobriety in

Flagler County's "Where and When"

Upcoming Events

Ask your Intergroup or GSR Rep for Details

- 1st quarter workshop 2/15/2025 hosted by Lucky to be Here.
- 2nd quarter workshop hosted by Jump Start
- PICNIC April 12, 2025 Host Group Needed!
- Gratitude Dinner hosted by Jump Start

Check out the online version of the Grapevine at www.AAgrapevine.org

Grapevine podcast at https://www.aagrapevine.org/podcast

For literature or coins, please contact Pat, Intergroup Literature Chair Cell: 301-807-5215

SHARE CORNER

Email The Promises@aaflagler.org to submit additions to the Share Corner, to honor members "In Memoriam" or to request Get Well Wishes. Submissions are edited as space allows.

This year I have learned many things. One being the art of meditation. In doing so, it helps me to alleviate silence. Silent meditation has enabled me to experience the wonderment of life and the many gifts it offers each and every day. I have also learned that for every inch of sadness lies a foot of happiness ahead and that the tough times reveal the true sincerity of people. I have learned through my home group, that a loving fellowship of people fosters a strong sense of belonging. Kate, Jump Start

Sobriety has given me the opportunity to have a personal, real-time relational journey with God without the need to understand God. For decades in my active alcoholism, and before, I had a well-defined perception of God and godly things to which I erroneously clung to and even defended. I was wrong in my misbeliefs and misperceptions. My sobriety has allowed me to discard all I thought I knew and learn about the offer and presence of God's care, love and direction given to me through my focus on God, prayer and meditation, a Godly sponsor and Godly AA friends and family. I no longer need to understand God in order to journey with "Him" daily and revel in the air "He" breathes into me. What rest, simplicity and assurance "He" gives to me for the receiving.

Gratitude is serving a loving higher power for fun and for free, anonymously, regardless of whether or not I feel grateful. Gratitude is having a home group and a service commitment. Gratitude is getting to meetings early to help set up and looking for new and returning folks to welcome. Gratitude is calling people and seeing how they are doing and making sure they know they are welcomed and loved. There are plenty of opportunities outside of AA for my gratitude as well. Putting grocery carts away, letting folks in on the highway, holding doors, and including others in my prayers without judgment. Gratitude is helping God's kids and not talking about it. Today, I will see how many times I can be of service and not tell anyone about it so I can experience the reward of truly having gratitude. Love you guys!

Looking back on 2024 I have a great bit of serenity and gratitude. I have spent the last month in Palm Coast, reconnecting with my Florida AA family. In 2024 I celebrated my first year of sobriety. Every day is a beautiful day in sobriety, full of blessings. See you in the spring!

Love, Ali from Montanna

RULE# 62

- #1 Three golf clubs walk into a bar. The putter says, "I'll have a vodka." The chipper says, "I'll have a beer." The bartender looks at the last one who says, "Just a 7-Up. I'm the driver tonight."
- #2 AA is so great because anyone with a desire can join unlike AlAnon, where you've got to know someone!
- #3 A scientist runs into an AA meeting and exclaims, "We did it! We found a cure for alcoholism! All you have to do is take this one pill every day and you're cured!"

Slowly a hand goes up in the back, "What happens if you take two?"



Flagler County Anniversaries

DTS

Country Mike 16 yrs Jan
Jess M 3 yrs Feb
Don W 2 yrs Feb
Kathy E 2 yrs March
Dave R 3 yrs March
Don A 4 yrs March
Tracy E 11 yrs March
Germaine L 45 yrs

Footprints in the Sand

Lori P. 1/1991 34 yrs Ellen D. 2/1986 39 yrs Beth B. 3/2022 3 yrs Linda K. 3/1987 38 yrs

Free as a Bird

Penny O. 2-2-2023

Jump Start

Mary L. 1/26/2003 Vicki F. 1/23/2021 Sue J. 1/15/2010 Christina U. 3/26/2012

Jump Start cont'd

Dave S. 3/1/2021 Julie W. 3/26/2017 Pam W. 3/17/2022

Lucky To Be Here

Dave S. 1/25/2024
Kelly S. 1/1/2023
Demetrius R. 1/29/2022
Deborah H-C 1/21/1996
Kayla R. 2/18/2022
Enzo P. 2/22/1992
Beth B. 3/26/2021
Gail R. 3/9/1989
Midge G. 3/10/1975

Message Group

Deborah 1/21/1996 Paul H. 2/3/1995 Mike P. 2/6/1981 Carol W. 2/17/2004 Missy 2/25/2022 Beth 3/26/2021 Patty H. 3/26/2000

New Beginning

Steve D. 1/23/2013 Eddie A. 1/1/2010 Bryan 1/7/2017 Cindy G. 2/3/2018 Ellen O-S 2/10/2008

Nomad Group

Pat F. 1/15/2007
Eddie A. 1/20/2010
Kelly S. 1/1/2023
Demetrius R. 1/29/2022
Red O. 2/25/2004
Michael C. 3/6/1995
Ken H. 3/23/2020
Robert P. 3/23/1988

Women's Keep it Simple

Deborah H-C 1/21/1996 Dee K. 1/1/1984 Valerie P. 2/29/1992 Nancy M. 3/21/1990 Beth S. 3/26/2022 Stephanie N. 3/27/2023