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# GROUP HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

"We are trying to build up extensive records which will be of value to a future historian..." — Bill W., 1957

CURRENT DISTRICT NUMBER 17 DATE FORM COMPLETED: 11/5/17

NAME OF GROUP BREAKFAST Club GROUP NR. 672473

DATE FIRST MEETING HELD 5/22/66

DATE GROUP REGISTERED WITH GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_

A. CURRENT MEETING INFORMATION:

- 1. MEETING LOCATION 9330 SW 105<sup>th</sup> ST OCALA FL.
- 2. DAYS GROUP MEETS S M T W TH F S
- 3. MEETING TIMES 8-9 AM
- 4. PRESENT NUMBER OF MEMBERS 40-50

B. FOUNDING MEMBERS INFORMATION

1. FULL NAMES OF FOUNDERS WITH LENGTH OF SOBRIETY IF KNOWN

G. M [REDACTED] Deceased  
John T [REDACTED] Deceased

2. FULL NAMES OF EARLY MEMBERS WITH LENGTH OF SOBRIETY IF KNOWN.

Bill H. [REDACTED] Sam W [REDACTED] TRACY Rose B [REDACTED] Deceased  
Jim F [REDACTED] Bill H [REDACTED] JOHN Z. D  
Al C [REDACTED] Deceased Bill K [REDACTED] D VERN  
Fred S [REDACTED] Deceased KEVEN JAKE J. [REDACTED]

3. FULL NAMES OF FOUNDERS OR EARLY MEMBERS THAT MAY BE CONTACTED FOR INTERVIEWS (TAPED OR WRITTEN). MEMBERS MAY BE IN AREA OR NOT. PLEASE LIST ANY PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES IF KNOWN.

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4. NARRATIVE OF GROUPS EARLY HISTORY, FOCUS ON GROUPS EARLY HISTORY:  
HOW, WHEN, WHERE, AND WHY GROUP STARTED.

- ① open DISCUSSION ALL SIX DAYS
- ② ADDED BB ON TUESDAYS
- ③ ADDED STEP MEETING ON THURSDAYS
- ④ ADDED SPEAKER MEETINGS ON ~~LAST~~<sup>3RD</sup> SATURDAY OF MONTH

George & John moved to Ocala from NORFOLK, VA. They STARTED THE BREAKFAST CLUB TO give THE south west Ocala Area AN EARLY <sup>AM</sup> DISCUSSION MEETING. SOLD T'SHIRTS

C. EARLY MEETING INFORMATION

- 1. MEETING LOCATION SANE
- 2. DAYS GROUP MEETS S (M) (T) (W) (TH) (F) (S)
- 3. MEETING TIMES 8-9 AM
- 4. NUMBER OF MEMBERS 8-12
- 5. IF GROUP HAS MOVED SINCE THE FIRST MEETING, PLEASE LIST LOCATIONS AND LENGTH OF TIME FOR EACH PLACE.

D. NARRATIVE OF HOW GROUP HAS PROGRESSED SINCE THE EARLY DAYS TO THE PRESENT (SPECIAL EVENTS, SERVICE PROJECTS, ANNIVERSARIES, CELEBRATIONS, CHANGES IN MEETINGS/FORMAT, ETC).

E. LIST ANY MEETINGS OR GROUPS THAT YOUR MEMBERS MAY HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN STARTING.

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# GROUP HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

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CURRENT DISTRICT NUMBER 17 DATE FORM COMPLETED: 7/20/2017

NAME OF GROUP Emotional Balance GROUP NR. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE FIRST MEETING HELD 8-22-2012

DATE GROUP REGISTERED WITH GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE ?

## A. CURRENT MEETING INFORMATION:

1. MEETING LOCATION Oakbrook club for Spiritual Living  
NE 28th Ave @ 109th

2. DAYS GROUP MEETS S M T W TH F S

3. MEETING TIMES 5:30

4. PRESENT NUMBER OF MEMBERS 15-20

## B. FOUNDING MEMBERS INFORMATION

1. FULL NAMES OF FOUNDERS WITH LENGTH OF SOBRIETY IF KNOWN

Fisher Jim [redacted] 28y in 2012  
Linda H [redacted] 14y in 2012  
Cree 10+, Cindy 20+, Allison, Diane W-

2. FULL NAMES OF EARLY MEMBERS WITH LENGTH OF SOBRIETY IF KNOWN.

Rick + Carol R [redacted]  
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3. FULL NAMES OF FOUNDERS OR EARLY MEMBERS THAT MAY BE CONTACTED FOR INTERVIEWS (TAPED OR WRITTEN). MEMBERS MAY BE IN AREA OR NOT. PLEASE LIST ANY PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES IF KNOWN.

Mike R [redacted]  
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4. NARRATIVE OF GROUPS EARLY HISTORY, FOCUS ON GROUPS EARLY HISTORY:  
HOW, WHEN, WHERE, AND WHY GROUP STARTED.

Oakbrook contacted Inter group requesting  
an AA meeting, preferably a meditation mtg.  
Group contacted Fishin Jim who chaired  
the Wednesday meditation group and he accepted.  
As time went by the 2 groups consolidated  
into the hours meeting, largely because the  
atmosphere and location is pastoral & serene.

C. EARLY MEETING INFORMATION

1. MEETING LOCATION Same

2. DAYS GROUP MEETS S M T W TH F S

3. MEETING TIMES 5-30

4. NUMBER OF MEMBERS 12-20

5. IF GROUP HAS MOVED SINCE THE FIRST MEETING, PLEASE LIST LOCATIONS  
AND LENGTH OF TIME FOR EACH PLACE.

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D. NARRATIVE OF HOW GROUP HAS PROGRESSED SINCE THE EARLY DAYS TO THE  
PRESENT (SPECIAL EVENTS, SERVICE PROJECTS, ANNIVERSARIES,  
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Date: March 15, 2009

To: GSO New York

Re: Meditation Group

From: Fishin' Jim [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Ocala, FL 34480  
[REDACTED]

In January of 2008 I inquired about any information your office might have regarding meditation groups. Ms Michelle Mirza kindly replied and sent me some GV articles as well as parts of two letters by Bill W. regarding the subject. Interestingly enough, both letters alluded to meditation meetings in Florida.

In September of 2005 we held the first meeting of the Conscious Contact group of AA. It has met every Wednesday night since then with an attendance of between 8 and 25, averaging probably 12. It might be greater but our meeting follows the daily 5:30-6:30 meeting, one of the largest groups in town. We meet from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, a time when many are at home with the family, eating dinner or taking their ease in front of the 'tube'. We offer only coffee and candlelight as enticements.

We've enjoyed quite a cross section of attendees with lots of different reactions. We had one guy who came in still shaking. But by the end of the meeting he had calmed down considerably. We've had everything from people with painful physical problems to Christian preachers. We've had some who could only be described as 'savage'. They looked for any excuse to decry the meeting and leave. One did so after I forgot to unlock the bathrooms before the meeting. He thought we did it on purpose! But we've also had many who have brightened and flowered visibly as a result of attendance. They are the reason we keep on keepin' on. One thing stands out from our experience—regular attendance at a meditation meeting greatly enhances the spiritual growth of those in early sobriety. (And it ain't bad for us old timers, either.)

I am attaching a copy of our meeting guide. It took a few years to iron out the wrinkles. But the result has served us well. Almost anyone can chair our meeting. Feel free to copy it to any interested parties. Or refer them to me at the above address or email.

Probably our greatest asset has been that two of our members are also members of a local yoga ashram. They have 10 and 24 years of sobriety respectively and have been kind enough to lead the majority of our 20 minute guided meditations. Their technique keeps one's consciousness centered in the physical body. So, since we all have a body, the technique has proven both easy and effective, as well as non-denominational. I am sure they are glad that their attendance

at the ashram has also given them such an opportunity for service in AA. Some of our members have even become 'certified' teachers of this meditative technique and have joined in the rotation for leading the meditations. And the ashram, situated on the shores of a beautiful lake in the middle of a National Forest, is a wonderful, peaceful place for hosting AA retreats.

Often we try to relate the meditation to the topic of the night. And the topic is always from the 12 & 12. This is an AA meeting with a guided meditation attached at the end of the discussion. By the way, it takes us about a year to get through Steps 1 through 12 because our discussions are often much deeper than in regular AA meetings, and with lots of 'double dipping'. Often we may only read 2 or 3 paragraphs. No one seems to mind.

Sincerely,

Fishin' Jim

CONS. CONTACT GP contact list

10-22-84 Fishin Jim [REDACTED]

6-12-04 Kristine V [REDACTED]

Cyndie [REDACTED]

RICK R [REDACTED]

DON D [REDACTED]

10-2-04 Alison C [REDACTED]

Carole R [REDACTED]

1-12-98 DARLENE T [REDACTED]

4-4-04 CREE G [REDACTED]

Jaya B [REDACTED]

Debbie L [REDACTED]

Sherry R [REDACTED]  
4-15-89

Fred [REDACTED]

Roger R [REDACTED]

Linda H [REDACTED]

7-4-03 Peggy B [REDACTED]

4/9/03 Sallie C [REDACTED]

RANDY A [REDACTED]

10/10/09

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# Conscious Contact Group

## Chairperson's meeting guide

7:00 PM "Welcome to the Conscious Contact group of Alcoholics Anonymous. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am happy to be your chairperson. Before we begin, please turn off or silence your cell phone.

"We begin the meeting with a short 'centering' ..... Please sit upright in your chair, with your back erect but not rigid. Close your eyes and take a few deep, slow, cleansing breaths. With each outbreath, allow yourself to relax a little more—releasing all the tension you've been carrying within you. With each breath, your consciousness, which has been scattered all around the Universe, is returning.....back into your body, sitting there in your chair. As you become centered, your breathing becomes slower and shallower. Your mind is becoming peaceful and content to just be where you are... in your body... HERE... NOW. This is a safe place. We have a purpose for being here. So for the next hour, just be HERE... ..Continue breathing slowly. In about a minute we will open the meeting with the 'We' version of the Serenity Prayer. You may want to use this time to open yourself to your Higher Power."

(Wait 30 to 60 seconds. Then...)

"God,  
Grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change,  
The courage to change the things we can,  
And the wisdom to know the difference."



**Anonymity Announcement:**

This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous and some of those present may not be members of AA. The concept of anonymity is one of our most valued traditions. We prefer to remain anonymous in our relationship with the public. We therefore urge all present to respect each other's anonymity outside of AA circles.

(Welcome )

At this time we welcome visitors to the meeting. If you are visiting us for the first time, please introduce yourself.

(Chips)

Before we begin our book study, we pass out chips and medallions to members who have an anniversary this week. Has any member earned a 3, 6 or 9 month chip? Does any member have an AA anniversary this week?

(Literature study)

This is an AA meeting in which we experience the meditation part of the 11<sup>th</sup> Step. First we read from some AA literature, discussing each paragraph in as much depth as we like, keeping the discussion in AA context. The discussion is followed by a guided meditation of approximately 20 minutes. Lights are dimmed and soft music is played during the meditation. Then we finish up the hour by sharing any insights or revelations we may have experienced while meditating

Before we begin the literature study, we pass the basket in co-operation with our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition.

( **Begin the literature study** portion of the meeting by opening to the paragraph where the group left off at the last meeting. Give plenty of time for in-depth discussion of each paragraph. Double dipping, even crosstalk, is common at this meeting. But do not allow anyone to ramble on and on. Maintain the discussion in an AA context always. )

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( **At approximately 7:30**, wind up the literature discussion and begin the meditation portion of the meeting as follows: )

**From page 101 of the 12 and 12:**

**'Meditation can always be further developed. It has no boundaries. Aided by such instruction and example as we can find, it is essentially an individual adventure. But its object is always the same—to improve our conscious contact with our Higher Power.'**

**For our 'instruction and example' this evening, we have \_\_\_\_\_.** Before you begin the meditation, please introduce yourself and tell us a little about how you came to be here in AA, leading a meditation. (Turn meeting over to meditation leader at this time.)

(When the leader is ready, at approx 7:35, dim the lights to begin the meditation.)

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(At approximately 7:55 the meditation will end. )

**Would anyone like to share about your meditation?....**

**Are there any announcements for the good of AA?....**

**Are there any announcements regarding local retreats or activities not AA oriented but which may be helpful in continuing our spiritual growth?**

If there is nothing further, let's thank \_\_\_\_\_ for the meditation.

There is no time limit on use of the room. However, some may need to leave at 8 o'clock, so we will wind up the meeting at this time. But you are free to remain after the meeting to socialize and share.

I hope to see you all here next week. You are welcome to bring your sponsor, sponsee or a friend.

We end with a final quote from page 98 of the '12 and 12':

"There is a direct linkage between self-examination, meditation and prayer. When they are logically related and interwoven, the result is an unshakeable foundation for life."

Let's close with the Prayer for Protection:

'The Light of God surrounds us.

The Love of God enfolds us.

The Power of God protects us.

The Presence of God watches over us.

Wherever we are, God is. And all is well.'

(Procedure for closing up the room:

Turn lights on. Return the AA literature, etc to the cabinet.

Turn off the coffee maker and hot plate. Empty coffee grounds and all coffee pots. Put coffee supplies into cabinet.

Remove any trash. Put in new trash bags. Turn off lights. Lock cabinet, bathrooms, meeting room.)

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CURRENT DISTRICT NUMBER 1707 DATE FORM COMPLETED: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF GROUP GRACE GROUP GROUP NR. 103629

DATE FIRST MEETING HELD 1950

DATE GROUP REGISTERED WITH GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE 1950

## A. CURRENT MEETING INFORMATION:

1. MEETING LOCATION GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2. DAYS GROUP MEETS S M T W TH F (S)

3. MEETING TIMES 8 PM

4. PRESENT NUMBER OF MEMBERS \_\_\_\_\_

## B. FOUNDING MEMBERS INFORMATION

1. FULL NAMES OF FOUNDERS WITH LENGTH OF SOBRIETY IF KNOWN

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2. FULL NAMES OF EARLY MEMBERS WITH LENGTH OF SOBRIETY IF KNOWN.

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3. FULL NAMES OF FOUNDERS OR EARLY MEMBERS THAT MAY BE CONTACTED FOR INTERVIEWS (TAPED OR WRITTEN). MEMBERS MAY BE IN AREA OR NOT. PLEASE LIST ANY PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES IF KNOWN.

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# GROUP HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

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CURRENT DISTRICT NUMBER 17 DATE FORM COMPLETED: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF GROUP Heavy Hitters GROUP NR. 707750

DATE FIRST MEETING HELD 03/22/2008

DATE GROUP REGISTERED WITH GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_

### A. CURRENT MEETING INFORMATION:

1. MEETING LOCATION Unity Place
2. DAYS GROUP MEETS S M T W TH F (S)
3. MEETING TIMES 5pm @ Unity Place
4. PRESENT NUMBER OF MEMBERS 25

### B. FOUNDING MEMBERS INFORMATION

#### 1. FULL NAMES OF FOUNDERS WITH LENGTH OF SOBRIETY IF KNOWN

* BELLY S [REDACTED] 17	* J.J. P [REDACTED] 13	* JACK G [REDACTED] 15
* KEVIN D [REDACTED] 24	* STEVE [REDACTED] 15	
* BILL J [REDACTED] 3	* SCOTT M [REDACTED] 17	

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#### 2. FULL NAMES OF EARLY MEMBERS WITH LENGTH OF SOBRIETY IF KNOWN.

SAME AS ABOVE (stars are the 4 founders)

#### 3. FULL NAMES OF FOUNDERS OR EARLY MEMBERS THAT MAY BE CONTACTED FOR INTERVIEWS (TAPED OR WRITTEN). MEMBERS MAY BE IN AREA OR NOT. PLEASE LIST ANY PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES IF KNOWN.

N/A

4. NARRATIVE OF GROUPS EARLY HISTORY, FOCUS ON GROUPS EARLY HISTORY:  
HOW, WHEN, WHERE, AND WHY GROUP STARTED.

Kevin, Bill, JJ and Billy started attending the Central Florida mens workshop, ~~and~~ the Atlanta Mens Workshop, and Serenity on the Mountain Mens Retreat in early sobriety. At these workshops and retreats, these men found a fellowship they all unanimously agreed "was one they have always craved." These guys decided to get together with other men they were sponsoring and have continued meeting together since that day.

C. EARLY MEETING INFORMATION

1. MEETING LOCATION Ascension Lutheran Church

2. DAYS GROUP MEETS S M T W TH F (S)

3. MEETING TIMES 5:00-6:30

4. NUMBER OF MEMBERS 15-25

5. IF GROUP HAS MOVED SINCE THE FIRST MEETING, PLEASE LIST LOCATIONS AND LENGTH OF TIME FOR EACH PLACE.

Unity Group - 5:00-6:30 every Saturday

D. NARRATIVE OF HOW GROUP HAS PROGRESSED SINCE THE EARLY DAYS TO THE PRESENT (SPECIAL EVENTS, SERVICE PROJECTS, ANNIVERSARIES, CELEBRATIONS, CHANGES IN MEETINGS/FORMAT, ETC).

~~HITNIK~~ Annually - an annual Lakeside Recovery Celebration

E. LIST ANY MEETINGS OR GROUPS THAT YOUR MEMBERS MAY HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN STARTING.

Our members are grateful alcoholics who love

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# GROUP HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

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CURRENT DISTRICT NUMBER 17 DATE FORM COMPLETED: 6/7/17

NAME OF GROUP No Name Group GROUP NR. 675804

DATE FIRST MEETING HELD ?

DATE GROUP REGISTERED WITH GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE 4/1/2006

## A. CURRENT MEETING INFORMATION:

1. MEETING LOCATION Anthony United Methodist, 2396 NE 97th St. Rd Anthony, FL 32617
2. DAYS GROUP MEETS S  M  T  W  TH  F  S
3. MEETING TIMES 7:30 PM
4. PRESENT NUMBER OF MEMBERS ~ 10

## B. FOUNDING MEMBERS INFORMATION

1. FULL NAMES OF FOUNDERS WITH LENGTH OF SOBRIETY IF KNOWN

John P [redacted], Cathy P [redacted], Wayne C [redacted] - 37 yrs sobriety

2. FULL NAMES OF EARLY MEMBERS WITH LENGTH OF SOBRIETY IF KNOWN.

Not available

3. FULL NAMES OF FOUNDERS OR EARLY MEMBERS THAT MAY BE CONTACTED FOR INTERVIEWS (TAPED OR WRITTEN). MEMBERS MAY BE IN AREA OR NOT. PLEASE LIST ANY PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES IF KNOWN.

Wayne C [redacted]



4. NARRATIVE OF GROUPS EARLY HISTORY, FOCUS ON GROUPS EARLY HISTORY:  
HOW, WHEN, WHERE, AND WHY GROUP STARTED.

It formed after the Winning Circle (Club?) closed  
sometime in the early 2000's?

A "couple of years" after that the No Name Group  
opened and ran for a "couple of years" until  
it closed due to lack of participation

A "couple of years" later it re-opened and  
is currently ongoing

C. EARLY MEETING INFORMATION

1. MEETING LOCATION same

2. DAYS GROUP MEETS S M T W TH F S

3. MEETING TIMES 7:30 PM

4. NUMBER OF MEMBERS ~12

5. IF GROUP HAS MOVED SINCE THE FIRST MEETING, PLEASE LIST LOCATIONS  
AND LENGTH OF TIME FOR EACH PLACE.

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D. NARRATIVE OF HOW GROUP HAS PROGRESSED SINCE THE EARLY DAYS TO THE  
PRESENT (SPECIAL EVENTS, SERVICE PROJECTS, ANNIVERSARIES,  
CELEBRATIONS, CHANGES IN MEETINGS/FORMAT, ETC).

No significant changes, it strives to "keep  
it simple"

E. LIST ANY MEETINGS OR GROUPS THAT YOUR MEMBERS MAY HAVE BEEN  
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# GROUP HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

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CURRENT DISTRICT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE FORM COMPLETED: 3/29/17

NAME OF GROUP Ocala Men's Group GROUP NR. 607152

DATE FIRST MEETING HELD 2/1992

DATE GROUP REGISTERED WITH GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE 7/21/1995

## A. CURRENT MEETING INFORMATION:

1. MEETING LOCATION Unity Place

2. DAYS GROUP MEETS S M T W T H F (S)

3. MEETING TIMES 10:30 AM

4. PRESENT NUMBER OF MEMBERS 35

## B. FOUNDING MEMBERS INFORMATION

1. FULL NAMES OF FOUNDERS WITH LENGTH OF SOBRIETY IF KNOWN

THOMAS [REDACTED] - 1 1/2 YEARS AT TIME OF FOUNDING - 27 YEARS NOW

BILL G. [REDACTED] - BOB. C. - MATT R. [REDACTED]

RON M. [REDACTED] - JIM F. [REDACTED] - BONNIE H. [REDACTED]

2. FULL NAMES OF EARLY MEMBERS WITH LENGTH OF SOBRIETY IF KNOWN.

FRED M. [REDACTED] - 22 YEARS

JIM F. [REDACTED] - SOBRIETY DATE 1980

KEN T. [REDACTED]

3. FULL NAMES OF FOUNDERS OR EARLY MEMBERS THAT MAY BE CONTACTED FOR INTERVIEWS (TAPED OR WRITTEN). MEMBERS MAY BE IN AREA OR NOT. PLEASE LIST ANY PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES IF KNOWN.

THOMAS [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]

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4. NARRATIVE OF GROUPS EARLY HISTORY, FOCUS ON GROUPS EARLY HISTORY:  
HOW, WHEN, WHERE, AND WHY GROUP STARTED.

MODELED AFTER SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP  
AT THE SERENITY CLUB IN CLEARWATER, FL.  
SUPPORTED BY THE MEN FROM THE Ocala GROUP.  
BILL G. & RON. M. & BIG DAN FORMED THE  
EARLY NUCLEUS. ALSO SUPPORTED BY BONNIE H.,  
BOB C., KEN T. [REDACTED]

C. EARLY MEETING INFORMATION

1. MEETING LOCATION Ocala 1st Presbyterian Church

2. DAYS GROUP MEETS S M T W TH F (S)

3. MEETING TIMES 10:30 AM.

4. NUMBER OF MEMBERS \_\_\_\_\_

5. IF GROUP HAS MOVED SINCE THE FIRST MEETING, PLEASE LIST LOCATIONS  
AND LENGTH OF TIME FOR EACH PLACE.

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PRESENT (SPECIAL EVENTS, SERVICE PROJECTS, ANNIVERSARIES,  
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RULE #62 GROUP  
BELLEVIEW, FL  
FORMATION AND HISTORY

- As a Result of the Global SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic the Weir Crazy AA Group meeting location in Weirsdale, FL was “temporarily” closed in March 2020 by the landlord. On the day the closed notice was posted on the building by two Home Group members (Scott M & Dan F) 5 people showed up expecting a meeting so 7 people met outside under the shade of an Oak Tree. Included in this impromptu group was a person two days out of jail with two months of sobriety who expressed a desire to continue involvement in Alcoholics Anonymous.
- With the AA Responsibility Statement and AA Preamble as our impetus and guide we decided that meetings should continue to be available and that they could be held outside within the guidelines established by Federal, State, and Local governments. With help from the District 17 Central Office/Intergroup we secured an outdoor space behind the Disabled American Veterans building in Belleview, FL and held our first meeting on a Wednesday at 6:00pm beginning in mid- April, 2020 using an Open Topic Discussion Format.
- This Group had no name, written meeting guidelines, collection basket, bathroom facilities, nor COFFEE POT, etc! We did recite the AA Preamble, read How It Works and the 9<sup>th</sup> Step Promises from the Book Alcoholics Anonymous and used a hat(literally!) for collections which initially went to District 17 Central Office/Intergroup and to reimburse members who brought coffee. From a small group of 8-10 the meeting quickly grew to 30+ attending regularly so following CDC Guidelines we met in 3 groups of 10 each.
- By the end of the Summer 2020 the group had expanded from Wednesdays to 6:00pm Friday Big Book and 6:00pm Monday Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions formats respectfully. During the Fall of 2020 a 6:00pm Tuesday Speaker/Discussion and 10:00am Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Step/Meditation Formats were added.
- As it became more evident that indoor meetings would be closed indefinitely the group relied on our Traditions for guidance and began

donating a percentage of collections to the Disabled American Veterans for rent and General Service Office(GSO) suggested percentage contributions to Central Office/Intergroup, District 17, Area 14, and our GSO. We also decided that this no name group would become the Rule #62 Group, Belleview, FL.

- As some District 17 groups began to reopen meetings in 2021, we switched the Monday Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions to Wednesdays and the Open Topic/Discussion to Mondays to not interfere with a nearby meeting in Summerfield, FL.

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CURRENT DISTRICT NUMBER 17 DATE FORM COMPLETED: 3/6/23

NAME OF GROUP Role #62 GROUP NR. N/A

DATE FIRST MEETING HELD APRIL, 2020

DATE GROUP REGISTERED WITH GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE N/A

## A. CURRENT MEETING INFORMATION:

1. MEETING LOCATION DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS  
9636 SE 58TH AVE BELLEVUE, FL 34420
2. DAYS GROUP MEETS (S) (M) (T) (W) TH (F) S
3. MEETING TIMES SUNDAY 10AM M, T, W, TH 6:00 PM
4. PRESENT NUMBER OF MEMBERS 5-10

## B. FOUNDING MEMBERS INFORMATION

1. FULL NAMES OF FOUNDERS WITH LENGTH OF SOBRIETY IF KNOWN

SCOTT M [REDACTED]  
DAN F [REDACTED]

2. FULL NAMES OF EARLY MEMBERS WITH LENGTH OF SOBRIETY IF KNOWN.

SCOTT Mc, DAN F, Jim Z

3. FULL NAMES OF FOUNDERS OR EARLY MEMBERS THAT MAY BE CONTACTED FOR INTERVIEWS (TAPED OR WRITTEN). MEMBERS MAY BE IN AREA OR NOT. PLEASE LIST ANY PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES IF KNOWN.

SCOTT M [REDACTED]  
DAN F [REDACTED]

4. NARRATIVE OF GROUPS EARLY HISTORY, FOCUS ON GROUPS EARLY HISTORY:  
HOW, WHEN, WHERE, AND WHY GROUP STARTED.

SEE ATTACHED

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C. EARLY MEETING INFORMATION

1. MEETING LOCATION DAV BELLEVIEW

2. DAYS GROUP MEETS S M T  W TH F S

3. MEETING TIMES 6PM

4. NUMBER OF MEMBERS 8-10

5. IF GROUP HAS MOVED SINCE THE FIRST MEETING, PLEASE LIST LOCATIONS  
AND LENGTH OF TIME FOR EACH PLACE.

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D. NARRATIVE OF HOW GROUP HAS PROGRESSED SINCE THE EARLY DAYS TO THE  
PRESENT (SPECIAL EVENTS, SERVICE PROJECTS, ANNIVERSARIES,  
CELEBRATIONS, CHANGES IN MEETINGS/FORMAT, ETC).

SEE ATTACHED NARRATIVE

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E. LIST ANY MEETINGS OR GROUPS THAT YOUR MEMBERS MAY HAVE BEEN  
INSTRUMENTAL IN STARTING.

BACK TO BASICS DAV, BELLEVIEW W 7:30PM

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# GROUP HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

"We are trying to build up extensive records which will be of value to a future historian..." — Bill W., 1957

CURRENT DISTRICT NUMBER 17 DATE FORM COMPLETED: 5/4/2022

NAME OF GROUP Sisters in Sobriety GROUP NR. 726142

DATE FIRST MEETING HELD 7-2016

DATE GROUP REGISTERED WITH GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_

A. CURRENT MEETING INFORMATION:

1. MEETING LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

2. DAYS GROUP MEETS S M T W TH F (S)

3. MEETING TIMES 10AM

4. PRESENT NUMBER OF MEMBERS 26

B. FOUNDING MEMBERS INFORMATION

1. FULL NAMES OF FOUNDERS WITH LENGTH OF SOBRIETY IF KNOWN

Marge R. [REDACTED] - 34 yrs of Sobriety

2. FULL NAMES OF EARLY MEMBERS WITH LENGTH OF SOBRIETY IF KNOWN.

Sue H., Priscilla, Joan R. [REDACTED]

3. FULL NAMES OF FOUNDERS OR EARLY MEMBERS THAT MAY BE CONTACTED FOR INTERVIEWS (TAPED OR WRITTEN). MEMBERS MAY BE IN AREA OR NOT. PLEASE LIST ANY PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES IF KNOWN.

Marge R. [REDACTED]



4. NARRATIVE OF GROUPS EARLY HISTORY, FOCUS ON GROUPS EARLY HISTORY:  
HOW, WHEN, WHERE, AND WHY GROUP STARTED.

*Sisters in Sobriety started at  
Scoops Ice Cream Parlor on Hwy 200.  
The group grew quickly and then  
moved to Nazarene Church on W 60<sup>th</sup>  
I felt there was a need for a women's  
group on SW side of Ocala.  
Our group would average 40 women  
when Covid started. It went to zoom and  
now there are two groups. Sisters in Sobriety  
alternate group*

C. EARLY MEETING INFORMATION

1. MEETING LOCATION

*Scoops Ice Cream Shoppe  
Hwy 200*

2. DAYS GROUP MEETS S M T W TH F (S)

3. MEETING TIMES

*10<sup>00</sup> AM*

4. NUMBER OF MEMBERS

*5*

5. IF GROUP HAS MOVED SINCE THE FIRST MEETING, PLEASE LIST LOCATIONS  
AND LENGTH OF TIME FOR EACH PLACE.

*Scoops Ice Cream Parlor from July 16 - Sept 20  
Nazarene Church of W 60<sup>th</sup>*

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PRESENT (SPECIAL EVENTS, SERVICE PROJECTS, ANNIVERSARIES,  
CELEBRATIONS, CHANGES IN MEETINGS/FORMAT, ETC).

*Sisters in Sobriety has had two annivers.  
meeting with great success.*

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INSTRUMENTAL IN STARTING.

*The alternate group on Zoom*

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# GROUP HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

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CURRENT DISTRICT NUMBER 17 DATE FORM COMPLETED: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF GROUP Sober Yankees GROUP NR. 694346

DATE FIRST MEETING HELD 3/6/2011

DATE GROUP REGISTERED WITH GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE 3/6/2011

## A. CURRENT MEETING INFORMATION:

1. MEETING LOCATION S.W. Christian Church

2. DAYS GROUP MEETS S M  W TH F S

3. MEETING TIMES 6:30 P.M.

4. PRESENT NUMBER OF MEMBERS 23

## B. FOUNDING MEMBERS INFORMATION

1. FULL NAMES OF FOUNDERS WITH LENGTH OF SOBRIETY IF KNOWN \*

( John [redacted] 34 yrs (Priscilla +  
( Craig Mc [redacted] 21 yrs (John Pierce (does not con  
( Barbara [redacted] 46 yrs (Priscilla-deceased)

2. FULL NAMES OF EARLY MEMBERS WITH LENGTH OF SOBRIETY IF KNOWN.

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3. FULL NAMES OF FOUNDERS OR EARLY MEMBERS THAT MAY BE CONTACTED FOR INTERVIEWS (TAPED OR WRITTEN). MEMBERS MAY BE IN AREA OR NOT. PLEASE LIST ANY PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES IF KNOWN.

Craig Mc [redacted]  
John [redacted]  
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4. NARRATIVE OF GROUPS EARLY HISTORY, FOCUS ON GROUPS EARLY HISTORY:  
HOW, WHEN, WHERE, AND WHY GROUP STARTED.

Travis T. [redacted] started out Church.  
He had discussion meetings & one open  
meeting a month. Break off from  
Siberian Yankees.

C. EARLY MEETING INFORMATION

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

1. MEETING LOCATION 5900 S.W. 8th St ← correct

2. DAYS GROUP MEETS S M  W TH F S

3. MEETING TIMES 6:30 P.M.

4. NUMBER OF MEMBERS 5 people

5. IF GROUP HAS MOVED SINCE THE FIRST MEETING, PLEASE LIST LOCATIONS  
AND LENGTH OF TIME FOR EACH PLACE.

S.W. Christian Church (6 years)  
9045 S.W. 60th

D. NARRATIVE OF HOW GROUP HAS PROGRESSED SINCE THE EARLY DAYS TO THE  
PRESENT (SPECIAL EVENTS, SERVICE PROJECTS, ANNIVERSARIES,  
CELEBRATIONS, CHANGES IN MEETINGS/FORMAT, ETC).

Change in format

E. LIST ANY MEETINGS OR GROUPS THAT YOUR MEMBERS MAY HAVE BEEN  
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None

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# GROUP HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

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CURRENT DISTRICT NUMBER 17 DATE FORM COMPLETED: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF GROUP STOP Whining! Sober Up GROUP NR. 676628

DATE FIRST MEETING HELD 6/27/02 6-27-02 Check NY Records

DATE GROUP REGISTERED WITH GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_

A. CURRENT MEETING INFORMATION:

- MEETING LOCATION Buzzn of Peace Rivt's Zoo SW 80thA
- DAYS GROUP MEETS S M T (W) TH F S
- MEETING TIMES 5:00 - 6:00
- PRESENT NUMBER OF MEMBERS \_\_\_\_\_

B. FOUNDING MEMBERS INFORMATION

1. FULL NAMES OF FOUNDERS WITH LENGTH OF SOBRIETY IF KNOWN

Susan M [redacted] 10/28/89  
Joe M [redacted] 6/8/82

2. FULL NAMES OF EARLY MEMBERS WITH LENGTH OF SOBRIETY IF KNOWN.

<u>John</u>	<u>Peter</u>	<u>Larry</u>	<u>John S</u>	<u>Terry</u>
<u>John</u>	<u>Kevin E</u>	<u>Samuel S</u>	<u>Don C</u>	<u>Frank S</u>
<u>Ellen S.</u>	<u>Nancy I</u>	<u>Joe S</u>	<u>Susan M</u>	<u>John F</u>
<u>Chymie S</u>	<u>Carol E. K.</u>	<u>Bill K</u>	<u>Joe M</u>	<u>Jake J</u>
<u>Bernie F</u>			<u>Tom M</u>	<u>Arkansas Bob</u>
<u>Madonna F</u>				<u>Wayne L [redacted]</u>

3. FULL NAMES OF FOUNDERS OR EARLY MEMBERS THAT MAY BE CONTACTED FOR INTERVIEWS (TAPED OR WRITTEN). MEMBERS MAY BE IN AREA OR NOT. PLEASE LIST ANY PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES IF KNOWN.

Joseph R M [redacted]  
Susan M [redacted]

4. NARRATIVE OF GROUPS EARLY HISTORY, FOCUS ON GROUPS EARLY HISTORY:  
HOW, WHEN, WHERE, AND WHY GROUP STARTED.

Susan! Joe M [redacted] wanted to start a 1st  
Meeting early in South West OchsA - 1

C. EARLY MEETING INFORMATION

1. MEETING LOCATION

2099A of Peace Catholic Church  
Route 1200 SW OchsA

2. DAYS GROUP MEETS S M T (W) TH F S

3. MEETING TIMES

5:00 - 6:00

4. NUMBER OF MEMBERS

5. IF GROUP HAS MOVED SINCE THE FIRST MEETING, PLEASE LIST LOCATIONS  
AND LENGTH OF TIME FOR EACH PLACE.

No Movement

D. NARRATIVE OF HOW GROUP HAS PROGRESSED SINCE THE EARLY DAYS TO THE  
PRESENT (SPECIAL EVENTS, SERVICE PROJECTS, ANNIVERSARIES,  
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# GROUP HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

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CURRENT DISTRICT NUMBER 17 DATE FORM COMPLETED: 2008

NAME OF GROUP We Give Up GROUP NR. 681874

DATE FIRST MEETING HELD July 2008

DATE GROUP REGISTERED WITH GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE 2008 (?)

### A. CURRENT MEETING INFORMATION:

1. MEETING LOCATION Ascension Lutheran Church

2. DAYS GROUP MEETS S (M) T W TH F S

3. MEETING TIMES 5:30-6:30 (Usually a Corporate Meeting)

4. PRESENT NUMBER OF MEMBERS \_\_\_\_\_

### B. FOUNDING MEMBERS INFORMATION

#### 1. FULL NAMES OF FOUNDERS WITH LENGTH OF SOBRIETY IF KNOWN

Jim B [redacted] 32 yrs, Sherry R [redacted] 27 yrs, Dick C [redacted] 24 yrs  
Jim D [redacted] - 19 yrs.

#### 2. FULL NAMES OF EARLY MEMBERS WITH LENGTH OF SOBRIETY IF KNOWN.

Jim B [redacted] 32, Sherry R [redacted] 27, Max R [redacted] 9 yrs  
Dick C [redacted] 24 yrs, Carol W [redacted] 25, Jim D [redacted] 19 yrs  
(deceased)

#### 3. FULL NAMES OF FOUNDERS OR EARLY MEMBERS THAT MAY BE CONTACTED FOR INTERVIEWS (TAPED OR WRITTEN). MEMBERS MAY BE IN AREA OR NOT. PLEASE LIST ANY PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES IF KNOWN.

Jim B [redacted], Sherry R [redacted]  
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# GROUP HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

"We are trying to build up extensive records which will be of value to a future historian..." — Bill W., 1957

CURRENT DISTRICT NUMBER 17 DATE FORM COMPLETED: 7/2014  
NAME OF GROUP Women's Heavy Hitters GROUP NR. 709243  
DATE FIRST MEETING HELD 4/2013  
DATE GROUP REGISTERED WITH GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE 5/8/2013

## A. CURRENT MEETING INFORMATION:

1. MEETING LOCATION Unity in Ocala, FL
2. DAYS GROUP MEETS S M T  W TH F S
3. MEETING TIMES 7pm
4. PRESENT NUMBER OF MEMBERS approx: 20 members  
meeting attendance is anywhere from 30-45 people

## B. FOUNDING MEMBERS INFORMATION

1. FULL NAMES OF FOUNDERS WITH LENGTH OF SOBRIETY IF KNOWN  
Betty Jo D [redacted] 7 years, Danielle G [redacted] 5 yrs  
Francine H [redacted] 1 year, Ashley C [redacted] 1 year  
~~Candice M [redacted] 1 year~~ Jennifer M [redacted] 3 yrs
2. FULL NAMES OF EARLY MEMBERS WITH LENGTH OF SOBRIETY IF KNOWN.  
Jennifer M [redacted] 2 years, Lauren M [redacted] 11 years  
Amie M [redacted] 1 year  
Jillian M [redacted] 2 years  
Nicole C [redacted] 1 year
3. FULL NAMES OF FOUNDERS OR EARLY MEMBERS THAT MAY BE CONTACTED FOR INTERVIEWS (TAPED OR WRITTEN). MEMBERS MAY BE IN AREA OR NOT. PLEASE LIST ANY PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES IF KNOWN  
Betty Jo D [redacted] (707)  
Lauren M [redacted]  
Jennifer M [redacted]

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4. NARRATIVE OF GROUPS EARLY HISTORY, FOCUS ON GROUPS EARLY HISTORY: HOW, WHEN, WHERE, AND WHY GROUP STARTED.

There were some strong women in Alcoholics Anonymous looking to start a new women's meeting that was solution oriented. The local mens heavy hitters always had a great attendance record and we loved their format.

C. EARLY MEETING INFORMATION

1. MEETING LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

2. DAYS GROUP MEETS S M T W TH F S

3. MEETING TIMES \_\_\_\_\_

4. NUMBER OF MEMBERS 10-15

5. IF GROUP HAS MOVED SINCE THE FIRST MEETING, PLEASE LIST LOCATIONS AND LENGTH OF TIME FOR EACH PLACE.

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D. NARRATIVE OF HOW GROUP HAS PROGRESSED SINCE THE EARLY DAYS TO THE PRESENT (SPECIAL EVENTS, SERVICE PROJECTS, ANNIVERSARIES, CELEBRATIONS, CHANGES IN MEETINGS/FORMAT, ETC).

We have grown in size. We have made it through our first year. We recently started to do a group inventory of our business meetings to ensure we are doing our best to carry the message.

E. LIST ANY MEETINGS OR GROUPS THAT YOUR MEMBERS MAY HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN STARTING.

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Same as current

We work with the Mens Heavy Hitters at the annual Hi/Nic We are a lead meeting must be out of first 100 pgs.