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History of Area 14 North Florida District 17

The following Directory Listings are some of the earliest for District 17 in our collections:

- One of the earliest groups in our records from Area 14 District 17 was a group in Ocala, Florida named the *Ocala Group*. The group was first listed with the G.S.O. in the August 1946 A.A. Group Directory. The secretary for the group was J.A.R.S. and the number of members was unknown.
- The next listing is for the *Belleview Group* of Belleview, Florida. The group was first listed in the 1977 Eastern United States A.A. Directory. The contacts for the group were Georgia W. and Steve C. The number of members was listed as 10. The group would meet on Fridays.
- The earliest listing in our collections for a group in Dunnellon, Florida was listed in the 1977 Eastern United States A.A. Directory. The name of the group was listed as the *Dunnellon Group* and the contacts were Ed McD. and W.B. The number of members was listed as 8. The group would meet on Sundays.
- The earliest listing for a group in Anthony, Florida was the *Winners Circle Group*. The group was listed in the 1983 Eastern United States A.A. Directory. The contacts for the group were Jerry B., and John P. and the number of members was not listed. The group would meet on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- One of the earliest listings for Silver Springs, Florida is the *Forrest Group*. The group was listed in the 1994-1995 Eastern United States A.A. Directory and had Mae Y., and Victor M. listed as contacts. The number of members was not listed, and the group would meet on Sundays.
- The earliest listing for a group in Fort McCoy, Florida was the *Fort McCoy Group*. The group was listed in the 2000-2001 Eastern United States A.A. Directory. The contact for the group was Eric A., and the group would meet on Mondays. There was also a lone member in Fort McCoy, Paul McC., who was listed in the 1998-1999 Eastern United States A.A. Directory.

Our collections hold a letter from Ocala Group Secretary J.A.R.S. to the Alcoholic Foundation of July 31st, 1946. The letter reads:

“After having been affiliated with the Alcoholic Anonymous group in Daytona Beach for some time, we feel that there is an urgent need for organizing a group in Ocala.”

One of the earliest records we have in our collections for the Dunnellon Group is a Handbook Form from April 11th, 1977. The form provided the following information about the group:

*Location: Dunnellon, Florida
 Name of Group: Dunnellon Group
 List Group As: New Group
 Mailing Address/Contact: Ed McD.*

The next correspondence is a letter from Harry G. to a General Service Office Staff member named Eileen from January 26th, 1984, which included a list of meetings held in District 17. The list included the names of the following groups: Winner’s Circle, 305 Club, Open Door, Serenity, TLC, Ocala Group, Anthony Group, Alanon, Belleview, Ocala Grace, Oxford Group, and Marion Oaks Saturday Night Group. The meeting information that was listed for these groups is as follows:

Sunday	Winner’s Circle: 9 AM – 10:45 AM and 11:00 AM SP	305 Club: 12 Noon OD, and 8:30 PM OD	Open Door: 7:30 PM OD	Serenity: 8:30 PM OD, (Last Sunday of month birthday speakers meeting		
Monday	TLC: 1:30 PM OD	305 Club: 12 Noon OD, 5:30 PM OD (Happy Hour), 8:30 PM CD (Women’s Only)	Ocala Group: 8:30 PM CD	Serenity: 8:30 PM CD	Alanon: 8:30 PM	
Tuesday	305 Club: 12 Noon OD, and 8:30 PM OD	Winner’s Circle: 8:00 PM BB	TLC: 8:30 PM OD			
Wednesday	305 Club: 12 Noon OD, 8:30 PM OD	Anthony: 8:00 PM OD	Serenity: 8:30 PM OD	Alanon: 1:30 PM		
Thursday	TLC: 10:00 AM OD	305 Club: 12 Noon OD, and 8:30 PM OD	Ocala Group: 8:30 PM OD	Alanon: 8:30 PM		

Friday	305 Club: 12 Noon OD, 5:30 PM OD (Happy Hour), and 8:30 PM OD	Winner's Circle: 8:00 PM OD (First Friday of month = Speakers)	Belleview: 8:30 PM OD	Serenity: 8:30 PM (Step Study)		
Saturday	TLC: 10:00 AM OD	Marion Oaks Saturday Night Group: 8:00 PM OD	Oxford Group: 8:30 PM SP, and O	Ocala Grace: 8:30 PM OD	305 Club: 12 Noon OD, 8:30 PM SP, 12 Midnight OD	Alanon: 8:30 PM

Also in our collections is an undated, handwritten note with information about a new group in Area 14. The group name was listed as *Winner's Circle*, and the location was Anthony, Florida.

Please keep in mind that the amount of available information about a group depends on the amount of information the group has sent the G.S.O. throughout the years. In addition, it is common for groups to organize meetings, prior to contacting the G.S.O.

Also, feel free to share with us any information you may have on the groups listed above so that we can add it to our permanent area history files. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact me by e-mail: zaczekk@aa.org or by phone at 212-870-3400 ext.4724.

We look forward to hearing from you if we can be of further service. In the meanwhile, the staff here at the Archives Department sends their warm regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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RE: North Florida District 17 History

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Date: Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 03:46 PM EDT

Hello Lindy,

Greetings from the General Service Office Archives! I am glad I could be of service and that you found the information about District 17 helpful. In reference to your question, the only correspondence I was able to find was the July 31st, 1946, letter from the Ocala Group. The group is listed in the A.A. Group Directories starting in August 1946 and these directories provide the following information for the first few years the group was listed:

Year	Name of Contact Person	Number of Members	Day of Meeting	Location of Meeting
February 1947	J.A.R.S.	9	Unknown	Unknown
August 1947	J.A.R.S.	9	Unknown	Unknown
February 1948	O.E.T.	25	Unknown	Old Armory Building
August 1948	J.L. McC.	25	Unknown	Unknown
1949	S.R.B.	25	Unknown	Unknown
1950	J.L. McC.	25	Unknown	Unknown
1951	Unknown	25	Unknown	Unknown
1952	Elmo A.	15	Unknown	Unknown
1953	Elmo A.	15	Unknown	Unknown
1954	Unknown	30	Unknown	Unknown
1955	Unknown	30	Unknown	Unknown
1956	Robert T.	30	Unknown	Holder Building

Unfortunately, there were no additional correspondence or records within our collections for the group. Please keep in mind that the amount of available information about a group depends on the amount of information the group has sent the G.S.O. throughout the years. In addition, it is common for groups to organize meetings, prior to contacting the G.S.O.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any other questions or requests, please do not hesitate to reach out. I would be happy to help!

Thank you for your time and have a great day!

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https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/need-help-with-a-drinking-problem