

# NEW BEGINNINGS

AUGUST 2023

Sharing experience, strength and hope with those who suffer from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviors

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

OA Phone Marathons: Meetings every hour from 8 am to 12 pm midnight EST, 712 432-5200, pin-4285115# Contact for more information at: 2020oamarathons@gmail.com

Sat., August 19, 2023, Sponsorship Day, "How Do You Carry the Message to Those Who Still Suffer?"

- Wed., August 2, 2023, 5:00 pm EST, OACFI Retreat
  Planning Meeting, Zoom Meeting ID 818 0709
  5842; Passcode: retreat, Phone in: 305 224
  1968. <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81807095842?">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81807095842?</a>
  pwd=aGRsaDhvZ2dxT2xLS0wza1BUZkFWdz09
- Sun., August 6, 2023, 4 pm—6:30 pm EST, RISE (Recovery-Inspiring Shared Experiences) Speaker Meeting, topic TBA. Zoom ID 947 2125 9974, Passcode 810562, <a href="https://zoom.us/j/94721259974?">https://zoom.us/j/94721259974?</a>
  <a href="pwd=TnRQakpUSFpIOGZ0QTh3cmpGUjhTZz09#success">pwd=TnRQakpUSFpIOGZ0QTh3cmpGUjhTZz09#success</a> or <a href="https://www.oarise.org/">https://www.oarise.org/</a>
- Sat., August 12, 2023, 5:30 pm—7:00 pm EST, A
  Design for Living Intergroup Monthly Speaker
  Series, "Working with Others." Zoom Meeting ID
  200 540 624 No passcode www.ad4l.info
- Fri., August 18—Sun., August 20, 2023, Sponsorship Day. Celebrated the third full weekend (Friday included) of August, this is a day set aside to acknowledge the importance of sponsoring in our Fellowship.
- Sat., September 16, 2023, 2:00 pm-3:30 pm EST.
  Region 3, "You Are Not Alone, " Relapse
  Prevention Workshop. Zoom info. TBA. See flyer below for registration info.

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Fri.—Sun., Sept. 22-24, Piedmont Intergroup
Mountain of Miracles Annual Retreat, Black
Mountain, NC: "Relationships—the Heart of
OA Recovery." <a href="https://piedmontintergroup.org/retreat-registration/">https://piedmontintergroup.org/retreat-registration/</a>
See flyer below.

- Sat., Sept. 30, 2023, 10:30 am—12 pm EST,
  Greater Atlanta Intergroup, "The Tool of
  Service—Where Do I Fit in?" Zoom Meeting
  ID 431 394 3661, Passcode: serenity. https://
  atlantaoa.org/2023/04/19/2023-5thsaturday-the-tool-of-service-workshops/ See
  flyer below.
- Fri.-Sun., October 13-15, 2023. OACFI Fall Retreat, Lake Yale Retreat Center, Leesburg, FL, "I Think I Can. We Know WE Can." See flyers below.
- Fri.-Sun., October 13-15, 2023. OA Unity
  Intergroup 2023 Retreat, Chattanooga, TN:
  "A Walk through the 12 Steps: The Sunlight
  of the Spirit is the Solution." <a href="http://www.oaunity.org/events.html">http://www.oaunity.org/events.html</a>
- October 27-29, 2023, SOAR Region 8 Fall
  Recovery Convention and Business Assembly,
  Tybee Island, Ga. <a href="https://oaregion8.org/r8-event/soar8-assembly-fall-2023/">https://oaregion8.org/r8-event/soar8-assembly-fall-2023/</a> See flyer below.
- World Service Convention Dates ~ August 21-23, 2025. Location: Renaissance Orlando at Sea World 6677 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, FL. For reservations, call the hotel (407) 351-5555



# SAVE THE DATE!! OCTOBER 13th to 15th, 2023 OA Retreat at Lake Yale



**REGISTER SOON!!** Join us for a weekend of fellowship, recovery, and growth as we experience the unconditional love and acceptance found within the rooms of our program.

### Interested in giving service?

Committees seeking volunteers: Registration, Greeters/ hospitality, Boutique, Program, Entertainment, Decorations, Raffle/ Gift baskets, Set-Up Crew, and Clean-Up Crew.

<u>Please contact : Kathy M (407-252-7575) or Robin G (407-310-5373) (TEXT 1st, please)</u>

Email is also available at: Retreat@oacfl.org

\*Next Zoom Meeting for those interested in helping with the retreat:

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 AT 5 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87420030001?pwd=aVpOdjRhWkZJTUNXKzFEalU0ZTBKQT09

Meeting ID: 874 2003 0001; Passcode: retreat Phone in: 305 224 1968 US

I think I can We know WE can.			ANONYMOUS CENTRAL FLORIDA INTERGROUP  OA Fall Retreat 2023  October: 13th-15th, 2023  Lake Yale Retreat Center  County Road 452	OVEDEATERS
Questions or service: Call Kathy M. @ 407-252-7575 or Robin G. @ 407-310-5373 or email retreat@oacfi.org	To register, Mail registration & checks payable toOACFI Fall Retreat 2023. C/O P.O. Box 180293, Casselberry, FI 32718 Payments can also be made as follows: PayPal: Oacfitreasurer@gmail.com Zelle: Treasurer@oacfi.org Just remember to mail in your registration form.	Room Registration ends  September 30th No refunds after  September 30th, "Register NOW!!! To  Help us and assure your preferred  accommodations."	<ul> <li>Speakers</li> <li>Fellowship</li> <li>Entertainment</li> <li>Workshops</li> <li>Yoga-Bring mat</li> <li>Boutique (Start saving your boutique items for the retreat)</li> <li>Gift Baskets</li> <li>Meals</li> <li>Fun/Fellowship</li> <li>Rest/Sharing</li> <li>Lodging</li> </ul>	RETREAT INCLUDES:
Special Needs:	Address:	Registration Information  Name:  Room Mate name:	<ul> <li>□ Single occupancy @ \$241.00</li> <li>□ Double occupancy @ \$191.00. (each)</li> <li>□ I am willing to be a workshop leader. (Requirement: 6 mos. Abstinence).</li> <li>□ I will help in the boutique</li> <li>□ I will help in registration.</li> <li>□ I am willing to help in entertainment.</li> <li>□ I am willing to volunteer for any need.</li> <li>□ I would like to donate for a scholarship. Donate amount of \$</li> <li>□ I am bringing a gift basket for the retreat.</li> </ul>	Please check all that apply:



### **ATTENTION: BASKET MAKERS FOR LAKE YALE**

It has been suggested that a few guidelines be put in place to assist those who generously volunteer to put together baskets for our Fall Retreat at Lake Yale on October 13-15, 2023. Thank you for all your service. We do need OA'ers to donate actual (empty) baskets.

We are requesting that each Group to donate a basket and one piece of OA literature. A handwritten or typed list of the items found in the basket should be attached to the front of the basket.

- Please consider these points:
  - Items need to be new
  - Please donate only OA-approved literature, i.e., OA and AA literature approved by OA. (See <a href="https://oa.org/guidelines-meetings/approved-literature-list/">https://oa.org/guidelines-meetings/approved-literature-list/</a> if you have questions.)
  - We do not recommend food items.
  - Please steer clear of religious items.
- Here is a list of possible themes:
  - Personal Grooming
  - Bath & Body—soaps, loofah, perhaps a candle
  - Garden Theme
  - Tea Party items—Teas, teacups (?), an OA Meditation Book
  - Crafts—Miscellaneous items for any number of crafts
  - Literature
  - Letter-Writing: stationery, stamps, pens, etc.
  - Journal and pen from Region 8 (for \$22), available at https://cart.oaregion8.org/product/soar8-journal/
  - Pet Theme: Treats, toys, etc.
  - Games Basket: wooden puzzles, crossword puzzles, sudoku puzzle books, deck of cards, Yahtzee, Jacks, Left Right Center, Pick-up Sticks, etc.
  - Scrapbooking Basket—Misc. items
  - Photo frames
  - Measuring cups, scales
  - Serenity Prayer items (available online, sometimes in religious gift stores) such as coffee mugs, plaques, key chains, etc.
  - Gift Cards—to uncontroversial places or services. (Gift cards can be purchased in most drug, grocery, and big-box stores.) Examples:
    - Grocery stores, drug stores, big-box stores that sell variety of items, gasoline, online stores or services, general credit cards (usually charge a fee), bookstores, department stores, and restaurants (larger restaurants with a variety of food recommended—not dessert shops, since many OA'ers do not eat sweets!)

Be creative in assembling your basket and know that however it is put together, it will be appreciated. The **DRAWING** for these baskets helps to raise money for the retreat and any donation is appreciated.





# OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS® CENTRAL FLORIDA INTERGROUP

# Overeaters Anonymous Workshop on the Twelve Steps

A 15-session workshop designed to help participants achieve and maintain abstinence through working all Twelve Steps

August 24-December 7, 2023 Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.

August 24th is the Introductory Session, no class on Thanksgiving Day

From Karen H. 6/21/23: Today's <u>Voices of Recovery</u> reading focuses on two things that go hand in hand. One, the lead, exhorts us to work the Steps. Basic mainline program. And to work them abstinently. The primer for life is held within them. Daily. It's a rhythm. And any one of them can give us the guidance we need to navigate life. It's good to lean into their instructions. To renew their power. And to allow ourselves to be healed and changed. That leads me to the second thing today's reading leans into: Our Step work/God work, to fully take hold and guide us, must be done sincerely. It's purity-of-heart work. It's aligning genuineness of intent towards my program. Daily. And in that orientation best courses of action can then unfold. God things!

The following OA approved literature will be used in the workshop session and homework assignments:

- The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous, Second Edition
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Fourth Edition (the Big Book)
- Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions by Alcoholics Anonymous
- Overeaters Anonymous, Third Edition
- Voices of Recovery
- For Today
- Twelve Step Workshop and Study Guide, Second Edition-Overeaters Anonymous

Participants need their own copies.

.Workshop will be held via Zoom, Central Florida Intergroup

Questions: E-mail chair@oacfi.org

This is a closed workshop for 4-12 participants. No new members may join after the Introductory Session. Participants commit to attend and fully participate in all sessions.



### You Are Not Alone

# Quarterly Region 3 Relapse Prevention Workshop

Save the Dates:

Saturday, June 17, 2023

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Saturaday, December 9, 2023

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm CT

To Register Email:

r3tswregister@oaregion3.org

Zoom Meeting Info Coming Soon





### MOUNTAIN OF MIRACLES ANNUAL RETREAT

# Relationships

the heart of OA recovery

CHRISTMOUNT RETREAT CENTER, BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2023

### PIEDMONTINTERGROUP.ORG/RETREAT-REGISTRATION

Deepening our understanding of the heart of OA recovery our relationship with ourselves, our bodies, our higher power, and OA
fellows through a study of the steps, traditions, concepts, tools,
slogans, and fellowship.





ID: 431 394 3661 PW: serenity 2023 5th Saturday Virtual Workshops

Our interactive format allows for Q&A, and it's fun as well as informative!

Ever wonder how to increase participation in your service body,

or why you even need to be of service?

Join us on Zoom-- and find out! <a href="https://bit.ly/3e6jdtL">https://bit.ly/3e6jdtL</a>

5th Saturday Meeting Topics

04/29/2023 Structure & Increasing Participation

07/29/2023 Where do I Fit In?

09/30/2023 FAQs about Service

12/30/2023 ABC's & DEF's of Service

1030 AM to 12 PM ET

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SAVE THE DATE OCT 27-29, 2023 "Welcome Home, Y'all"

New Freedom Intergroup of OA (out of Jacksonville, FL) is hosting the SOAR 8 Fall Recovery Convention and Business Assembly. It will be face-to-face on Tybee Island, GA the weekend of October 27-29, 2023. More details about the meals and the registration flyer will be released soon.



We will be staying on the beach, within a 10-minute walk of Tybee Island Beach and Tybee Island Marine Science Center. This beach hotel is 0.4 mi (0.7 km) from Tybee Island Fishing Pier and Pavilion and 0.6 mi (0.9 km) from Back River Beach. Tybee Island is 20 minutes from downtown Savannah.

Hotel Tybee 1401 Strand Ave Tybee Island, GA, 31328, USA Call for reservations: 1-912-786-7777

If you even THINK you will be attending, make your hotel reservations now! (You <u>must</u> make your own reservations before 9/26//2023.) The Hotel requires a credit card to hold your reservation. Use code "SOAR2023" for special rates. Any reservations made <u>after</u> that date will be charged at their current room rate.

RATES: \$155 /Night Two Queen (Inland view) + \$15 /day parking + \$5 /night GA hotel fee + 14% taxes per night, (Total = \$199.50 /night.) This rate is valid for up to four people in the room. (If you get three roommates, each person would pay only ~\$50 per night, or \$100 for the weekend.). Rates are available for three days before and after the event. Rooms have refrigerators (but no microwaves). (Must place \$50 deposit per room for incidentals during the stay.) Each room will receive four drink tickets, three beach chairs and beach towels.

Cancellations: All guests will be charged one night's stay upon booking. Deposits are refunded or credited only if notice is received 7 (seven) days prior to arrival date (before October 19<sup>th</sup>) and a cancellation number must be obtained by guest.

Hotel check-in is at 4:00 PM, Friday; check-out is 11:00 AM Sunday.

There is NO free parking on the island. Day trippers will need to pay a rate of \$20/day to use the hotel parking area.



### **STEP EIGHT:**

Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.

Spiritual Principle: Self-Discipline

The Art of Learning Empathy: Step Eight

How is it considered self-discipline to know how to say, "I'm sorry"? My wife taught me how to properly say, "I'm sorry." She showed me the true art of empathy, sympathy, and compassion from another person's perspective. I've learned the art of being in touch with reality and knowing that I'm not always in the right. However, I'm still a little arrogant. Being empathetic and understanding another person's point of view is not an easy goal to achieve; we cannot just mark it off our bucket list as a mastered skill. It is a lifetime journey; some of us may come to the end of our lives with unresolved issues and resentments.

It's for these reasons that Step Eight is so important. One must come to terms with where they have wronged others and where their addiction has caused harm towards another human being. Plus, an addict needs to learn how to forgive themselves. This is the core of self-discipline and the root of where one finds compassion. When you understand and accept some of the mistakes you caused within your own life, you are then able to open your eyes to see how to care for someone else's pain. All these emotions may not appear as a process of self-discipline, but the effort to make this leap of personal growth takes work.

The idea of quitting smoking cigarettes, or following an exercise plan weekly, or finishing reading a book which you started, or working on arriving on appointments promptly, can be daunting. However, practicing and mastering these tasks nurtures self-discipline. Furthermore, training one's heart to feel properly and in a healthy manner is also a form of discipline and growth. The muscle you're working on is spiritual. The principle you're practicing works both in the mind and in the brain. The ability to feel a certain way is both physical and spiritual. Step Eight is designed to help you achieve self-discipline. Embrace this step with humility.

Tony B.



### **TRADITION EIGHT:**

Overeaters Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers..

# Spiritual Principle: FELLOWSHIP

### The Importance of Fellowship

Along the lines of the tradition, I would like to say that I'm grateful that we don't have paid workers and that it's actually other compulsive eaters that we out reach out to. Because hearing other people's experience, strength, and hope blesses me more than I can say.

The other day I was driving home from seeing a musical with my adult son. We had a lot of fun, and I started feeling like maybe we should go out to eat to finish off on a celebratory note.

As I drove, the urge got stronger and stronger. I silently prayed and could instantly envision my less exciting but healthy, abstinent meal at home waiting for me in my fridge. My disease was very loud, and as I passed different restaurants, I started thinking about what I would order there. It was like I had an angel on one side and a little devil on the other. The negative voice was getting louder and louder.

I quickly decided that I would do whatever it took to get home without stopping. But I knew I couldn't do it alone.

I called an OA fellow and didn't get an answer so I left a message.

I called another fellow and left a message.

I called ANOTHER fellow and left a message.

Finally, on my 4th call, a fellow answered. I could have given up. The food I was going to eat would still have been abstinent, but not great for me and not sticking to my food plan. This particular fellow asked me questions and actually helped me to see there was more to what was going on than just the food I wanted. It became very clear. She stayed with me on the phone for the ten remaining minutes it took for me to get home. And then I was safe. All of the feelings went away; I was so grateful that I hadn't given in. She served and strengthened me in a beautiful way.

I'm so glad that I have taken numbers and done outreach to build my community of fellows that I can help and that in turn they can help me. It's a beautiful thing to continue to see that it's never really about the food. Having fellows who understand compulsive eating to talk to has helped me see situations in my life through a different lens.

I am forever grateful for this blessing in my life.

### **CONCEPT EIGHT:**

The Board of Trustees has delegated to its Executive Committee the responsibility to administer the OA World Service Office.

**Spiritual Principle:** 

**DELEGATION** 

Concept Eight is fairly straightforward. The pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts of OA Service" states: "The Executive Committee is composed of all board officers and other trustees elected by the full Board of Trustees. It is expected to meet regularly with the managing director to handle business matters of the World Service Office. The Executive Committee then reports back to the entire Board of Trustees."

This pamphlet goes on to explain that the managing director is a skilled and experienced professional who is paid for the daily management of the World Services Office.

What, then, is the difference between what the Executive Committee does and what the World Service Office does? The same pamphlet mentioned above gives clear definitions. The Executive Committee "oversees all of OA's operations," including "the budget, prudent reserve, investment matters, annual audit, legal issues, and pricing OA literature." On the other hand, "the World Service Office staff are registering groups and service bodies; answering member inquiries; providing worldwide meeting information; producing, publishing, and shipping OA literature and specialty items; publishing newsletters; maintaining the OA website; and preparing public information material." If the World Service Office staff get a question related to recovery, traditions, or group problems, they refer it to a trustee.

Delegation can help things run smoothly by providing a clear outline of responsibilities and clear boundaries. I know that in my personal work experience, I have struggled greatly when my role was not clear. I like to be in control, and if I don't know what I am supposed to do (even if I don't actually do it!), I can freak out. I don't like dealing with uncertainty—and that is not always a bad thing.

Delegation is also important to me because it is a reminder that I don't have to do it all. Other people can have significant roles in a project or undertaking—no, I don't get all the glory that my ego wants, but I also don't have to have all the responsibility that my brain, body, and emotions can't handle.

Alicia C

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### **Self-Discipline**

Lack of planning; simple planning. That will get me every time.

I discovered my most sensitive and most controllable trigger to eating foods that are not great for me. They aren't binge-foods – red-light items guaranteed to have me despising my existence while digging through the trash for the last couple of crumbs.

They are simply the type and quantity that doesn't help me feel great, think clearly and move well. Easy, no-prep foods that didn't originally grow in the ground or on a tree . . . get my drift?

I have this knowledge now: spend some time up front and I will be ready for any shortfalls. I spend some time planning the foods that help me *most* and spend the time shopping . . . Maybe for me, I need to plan to shop first thing on a weekend morning and I won't allow myself to do the things I'm itching to do – until shopping is done and food is stored away.

But how do I DO it? Just like my program, it's simple, but not easy. And it is do-able. I set alarms in my phone, block shopping and food-prep times in my calendar. At the start of a new habit like this, I post stickies to keep reminding myself. I now go out of my way when a friend invites me somewhere: before I accept the invitation, I check — is it that time of the week taken to prep, cook or shop? I remind myself to look at my calendar multiple times daily. The good news is my breakfast, a third of my daily meals, is on auto-pilot now. I don't worry about it, I seem to automatically add the food items to my grocery list as soon as I notice I am running low. My goal is for all three meals to be like this!

Like an obstinate toddler, I sometimes have trouble "remembering" the things that make life easiest for me. I prefer to do the "fun" thing. So I just keep adding the reminders and alarms. Besides the alarms, I know what I'm like and I know being kind to myself gets me farther ahead than belittling myself for being too – fill in the blank – and little by little, alarm by alarm, I start to follow the program I like and need.

One of the best parts of this system for me is that the more I practice it, the easier it is to do regularly and (bonus!) the better I feel about myself and my program. Then the more I want to do with my program and my fellows.

Annie M.





### Made a Searching and Fearless Moral Inventory of Myself

Step 4 of the 12 Steps of AA affects recovering addicts in different ways. For me, it was the most difficult. At the beginning it was difficult because I did not have a full understanding of what was required to make an honest self inventory. I thought I had to dredge up all resentments, fears and hurts, and then forgive anyone who might have abused me. That is part of it but the major concept of the Step totally went over my thick head.

I learned that, "When the student is ready, the teacher will appear." My wise sponsor put me on the right track. She taught me so much. Yes, when we delve back into the past, hurtful issues come to light—the main part of the process for me, however, was not focusing on what others may have said or done to me, but acknowledging "MY" responsibility for my actions (present and past).



When the bright spotlight was pointed in my direction and not elsewhere, complex emotions, surmised situations, nasty reactions, and a deep prejudicial nature met center stage. Hurtful? Definitely! To think that a victim could actually have character defects and personality disorders was a shock. For years I considered myself a victim because of many forms of abuse from those who were supposed to love and take care of me. I'd told my story over and over in the online and face to face anonymous meetings. Pity me! Please, someone hear me. Can anybody love and accept me for ME? Yes, I was a mess!

Through working Step 4 properly, I discovered I held tremendous anger against those who had harmed me. My self-esteem was lower than whale doo doo . . . I felt absolute shame for wishing a fate worse than death for my abusers. And then when I became a true member of my anonymous program and worked it diligently, my shame turned toward myself for all of the above.

I managed to get through all 12 Steps with my sponsor. All of the self-introspection worked like a true miracle. I grew to know that a Higher Power loved me unconditionally and that His love was all I needed. I began to see myself, not as a worthless entity, but a beautiful human being. The turning point from victim to victor was the day I took Step 1: "I admitted I was powerless over my addiction that my life had become unmanageable." On that day I turned my life over to my Higher Power and continue to do so, one day at a time. He has gone before me and done what I could not do.

# MEN IN OA We want your story!



Overeaters Anonymous is updating our existing publication welcoming men to OA with the intention of expanding the representation of men in OA. We are seeking stories that express your experience with compulsive eating and what brought you to OA.

### Some ideas to get you started:

- How have food, weight, and body image affected your life and health?
- Share your experience of compulsive eating:
  - » Overeating
- » Restricting
- » Under-eating
- » Excessive exercise
- » Binge eating
- » Chronic dieting
- What made you walk through the doors of OA?
- What was your experience at your first OA meeting? What were the positives? Negatives?
- What made you decide OA was for you?
- How has working the OA program changed your life? What hope would you like to share with the man new to OA?

### Submission Requirements

- Submissions are assumed intended for publication, are subject to editing, and become the property of OA. Inc.
- Submissions are not returned.
- All submissions must contain the author's full name and address. You may request anonymity with publication. Your state, province, or country may remain anonymous if you so indicate.
- Submissions must be submitted with a signed release form.
- Submissions of approximately 400-800 words with a title are preferred.

Due by September 15, 2023

Email your story to info@oa.org with subject line "To the Man"

### Overheard at a Meeting:

- If I'm sick, I don't need extra food to get sicker.
- Keep coming back until you want to come back.
- I am powerless over food, but I am not helpless or hopeless.
- I didn't have a needle in my arm but I had a fork in my hand.



The information below can be found at <a href="https://lifeline.oa.org/the-new-lifeline-a-vision-to-share-our-recovery-on-lifeline-oa-org/">https://lifeline.oa.org/the-new-lifeline-a-vision-to-share-our-recovery-on-lifeline-oa-org/</a>. Check it out and watch the video!

"The New Lifeline: A Vision to Share Our Recovery on Lifeline.oa.org

### July 24, 2022

What is the inspiration and vision for our new Lifeline blog? Watch these scripted interviews with the committee that helped bring this project to life! Learn the many ways you can contribute and carry the message to everyone who is searching online for a solution."

### Reflections



"As OA members we may donate many hours of service to each other, sponsoring, speaking at meetings and doing necessary committee and other service work. For this none of us receives payment in money. Our reward is something money can't buy—our own personal recovery."

—OA 12 & 12, p. 171

Volunteering our time and talents is a gift . . . which keeps on giving. We do this for a myriad of reasons . . . all of those reasons involve a bit of self-esteem. Esteem-able people do esteem-able things!!!

Each day as we move forward in our recovery journeys, we become better acquainted with the benefits of self-esteem. We do these things (service work, sponsoring, being sponsored) because there is a personal benefit, and they bring us in better alignment with our true natures. It feels good . . . and as in all things, we need to find the balance between giving back to others and nurturing ourselves.

Debby H.



Abstinence. Problem solving. One day at a time. Long-hauler. These words float in my mind as I read today's <u>Voices of Recovery</u> (July 8). Of course, the very beginning of program for anyone is dealing with the obsession with food. Does it go away? I wish. Nope. Abstinence—which brings right use of food into my life—must be renewed and strengthened daily. One and done does not exist. That leads me to the other stuff that program deals with if food is in order: LIFE. Living through all that comes our way demands a daily dose of tools, steps, and prayer. Problem solvers. God is doing for us what we cannot do alone. And there are willing helpers called our "fellows" to guide us if we ask for it. Finally, I am committed to being a long-hauler in this program. My path doesn't have to worry about tomorrow. But it does have to drive my recovery steadfastly and protectively like a trucker transporting across the country. I fuel up and rest as needed and follow my recovery map. Its end point always opens up to new vistas. Additional character defects. Yes! Miracles abound in program. Daily. And I am one of them, transformed and renewed in the strength of my recovery.

Karen H.

# FOCUS ON



This is a <u>NEW FEATURE</u> in the newsletter! Every month one of OA's nine tools will be featured in a short article that answers the four questions below.

This month's featured tool:

### **ACTION PLAN**

### 1. How do I use this Tool?

My action plan is used to define my daily 24 hours so I will remain abstinent.

### 2. What do I do?

On awakening, I pray and meditate. I exercise my body to promote a healthy body. I plan my meals and record what I eat and how much, in an app. I sponsor and take calls throughout the day. I spend time connecting with my family. I send my daily food summary to my sponsor. Before I go to bed, I do a 10th step.

### 3. How does this Tool help me?

Action plans prescribe my recovery actions throughout the day.

### 4. Why is it important?

Because without specific actions I will not remember to surrender.

# Do you like SPEAKER MEETINGS?

**EVERY WEEK**, the 7 pm (EST) Thursday Night Virtual Speaker Meeting has a speaker!

A member of OA will speak for 20 minutes.

We've had speakers from across the country,

Canada, South America, and even Australia!

Please come join us:

Zoom ID: 863 7071 7790; PW: 654321.

Link to Thursday 7 pm EST Virtual Speaker

Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86370717790





You are cordially invited to the Friday
Night "Happy Hour"
Meeting at 7 pm EST,
on Zoom.



Starting in May 2023, every first Friday of the month will be a SPEAKER

MEETING.

Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/297035614?

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Meeting ID: 297 035 614

Passcode: 028590

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CENTRAL FLORIDA INTERGROUP

Meeting lasts one hour and when there is not a speaker, we study OA Conference-approved literature.

# 7th TRADITION

### **Tradition Seven**

Every OA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

**Spiritual Principle: Responsibility** 

Your 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions matter! Thank you all for your continued support of our fellowship. Contributions currently come directly to OACFI from group treasurers as well as individuals, and through checks and PayPal. ADDITIONALLY, CENTRAL FLORIDA INTERGROUP HAS OPENED THE MEANS TO RECEIVE DIRECT MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ZELLE.

Now each member or group can contribute their 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contribution in either of the three methods. Please note any contribution needs to have in the memo section the **group number**. If you are contributing to multiple groups and want your 7<sup>th</sup> tradition contribution split, merely send that info along in the memo box.

7th Traditions - Mail checks & money orders to:

Central Florida Intergroup

PO Box 180293, Casselberry FL 32718

PayPal: Send to oacfitreasurer@gmail.com

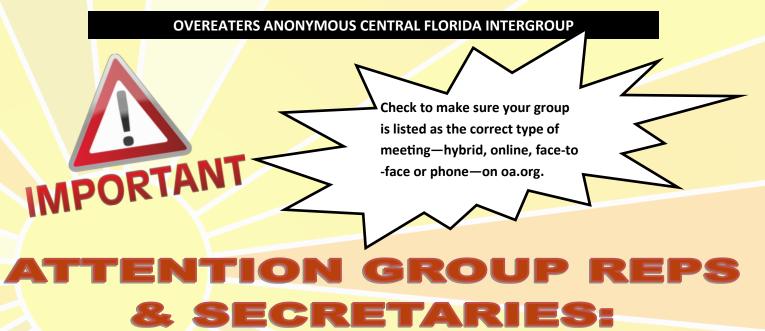
Zelle: Send \$\$\$ to Treasurer@oacfi.org

Thank you Kathy M., Treasurer OACFI

### **HOW TO USE PAYPAL**

Follow these steps:

- Log in to your PayPal account.
- Select "Send."
- Type in <u>oacfitreasurer@gmail.com</u>
- Enter in the amount of your contribution with the group name, number, and meeting day. Select "Continue."
- Review and select "Send Payment Now."



Please check your meeting information near the end of this newsletter.

If there is a change to your meeting—cancellation, change in time or location, a new meeting, etc.—there are two things you need to do, please:

- 1. **Go to:** oa.org. Click on the three bars on the upper-right-hand area of the page. Click on "meetings" and select the option that applies. If you need help, you can also call OA at 505-891-2664 or click on the "contact us" tab at the bottom of the home page. For a new group, you will need to obtain a group number from oa.org, if you don't already have one, before contacting Intergroup (Step 2).
- 2. **Contact the OACFI Intergroup**. Send a DETAILED email with all relevant information to Phyllis D. at <a href="mailto:phyllis407@aol.com">phyllis407@aol.com</a> or call her at 386-717-9721. Phyllis will update the meeting list and send it to the webmasters; the webmasters will upload the information. She will also let the OACFI treasurer and the newsletter editor know about the meeting change.

**THANK YOU!** 

### **Recovery Resources:**

### **ATTENTION MEN:**

Are you the only man in your meeting?

Do you have trouble sharing freely?

Do you want to make contact with other men?

Find the following at <a>OAMEN.ORG</a>

Men's Face-to-Face meeting schedule

Men's phone and online meeting information

OA Men email discussion groups
OA Men phone outreach list

Is Food a Problem for you? Are you

18 to 30 years of Age?

A young Adult?

Visit Overeaters Anonymous YP on Facebook <a href="https://m.facebook.com/OAinfo/">https://m.facebook.com/OAinfo/</a>

Thursday Night Phone Meetings, 9:30pm ET

Ph. 605-472-5395 Access Code 378978#

Find Answers at: www.oa.org

### ALSO FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:

- Check out the Young People's Virtual Intergroup at <a href="https://oayoungpeople.org/">https://oayoungpeople.org/</a>
- Download, for free, the pamphlet "To the Young Person," at <a href="https://bookstore.oa.org/digital-products.asp">https://bookstore.oa.org/digital-products.asp</a>



### Subscription Info.:

# IF YOU ARE ALREADY RECEIVING NEWSLETTERS, YOU DO NOT NEED THIS INFO. IF NOT . . .

Sign up to receive the New Beginnings Newsletter by email each month! It's free and an easy way to share the news and recovery with friends and newcomers. All you need to do is click on this link and follow the directions:

https://oacfi.org/mailman/listinfo/ newbeginnings\_oacfi.org

### Or type this in your URL

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## IMPORTANT: How do I subscribe or unsubscribe to the Intergroup News?

You can subscribe or unsubscribe from this list at any time by sending an email to:

https://oacfi.org/mailman/listinfo/oacfi\_intergroup\_news\_oacfi.org.

OR GO TO: <a href="https://oacfi.org/mailman/listinfo/oacfi">https://oacfi.org/mailman/listinfo/oacfi</a> oacfi intergroup news oacfi.org.

When you click on the link, you'll be prompted to enter your email address and choose a password.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Friday, August 18—Sunday, August 20, 2023, is SPONSORS HIP DAY, celebrated the third full weekend (Friday included) of August. This is a day set aside to acknowledge the importance of sponsoring in our Fellowship. Below are two resources OA has that may be helpful to sponsors or potential sponsors:

- 1. <u>Sponsorship Kit</u>, available for \$3.50 at <a href="https://bookstore.oa.org/pamphlets/sponsorship-kit-210.asp">https://bookstore.oa.org/pamphlets/sponsorship-kit-210.asp</a>. Includes a packet of inspiring and helpful information for sponsors, such as:
- The Tools of Recovery #160
- A Guide for Sponsors #200
- Sponsoring Through the Twelve Steps #220
- Excerpts from Lifeline magazine featuring stories about sponsorship
- Strong Abstinence Checklist and Writing Exercise wallet card #415
- Twelve Stepping a Problem wallet card #420
- Abstinence Literature Resource Guide
- 2. A nine-part <u>Sponsorship Podcast Series</u>. Information available at <u>https://oa.org/podcasts/sponsorship-success/</u>

OACFI is looking for a new <u>Literature Coordinator</u>. I am very thankful for the opportunity to have served as OACFI Literature Coordinator 2020, 2021, and 2022. Because COVID hit just as I was stepping into this position, my experience has been a little different than the Literature Coordinators who came before me. I have enjoyed this position and the opportunities it has brought me to serve and to meet many wonderful people. Please embrace the Tool of Service and volunteer for this position.

Sincerely, Georgia W.

The following information is pulled from CENTRAL FLORIDA INTERGROUP OF OVEREATERS ANONY-MOUS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL:

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- A. QUALIFICATIONS FOR SERVICE POSITIONS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
- 1. Must be a member of a registered CFI group.
- 2. Should have three (3) months current abstinence and be working the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous.
- 2. Be familiar with the OACFI Bylaws.
- 3. Must possess good judgment, experience, stability, and willingness to serve.

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3. LITERATURE COORDINATOR

#### Purpose:

A Literature Coordinator shall be appointed as a Service Position of OACFI to make conference-approved literature available to its members.

#### **Duties:**

- 1. Shall be aware of new conference-approved publications.
- 2. Determine and maintain an adequate literature inventory.
- 3. Shall submit a monthly report (See Appendix C) to OACFI.
- 4. Fiscal Responsibilities:
  - a. Shall be aware of and monitor the annual budget for literature.
  - b. Shall assume all responsibilities of the OACFI credit card to purchase literature as needed. OACFI Policies and Procedures Manual 10
  - c. Submit a monthly reconciliation report to the OACFI Treasurer.
  - d. Suggest literature budget adjustments as the annual proposed budget is being developed.



# Overeaters Anonymous Central Florida Intergroup needs trusted servants for:

- \* Twelfth Step Within Chair
- \* Next Generation Chair
- \* Tik Tok Producer
- \* Mailing List Coordinator
- \* Region 8 Reps (2 positions open)
- \* Literature Chair
- \* Server Platform Coordinator

# Overeaters Anonymous Region 8 needs trusted servants for:

 Region 8 PIPO (Public Information/Professional Outreach)

If you are interested in any of these positions, contact the Intergroup Chair at chair@oacfi.org and/or come to the next Intergroup meeting.

"As OA members we may donate many hours of service . . . . Our reward is something money can't buy—our own personal recovery."

Voices of Recovery, December 21, p. 356

### **OA LITERATURE FOR SALE!**

Please see the list below. For each piece of literature, the number of items available as of April 2023 is in the far right column. To purchase literature, please e-mail Carlene at <a href="mailto:secretary@oacfi.org">secretary@oacfi.org</a>.

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751K	About OA (pack of 20 only)	\$5.00	7
755	Fifteen Questions	\$0.50	24
759	Public Information Posters (pack of 20)	\$6.00	2
770	When Should I Refer Someone to OA?	\$2.00	18
870	Professional Presentation Folder	\$3.50	1
	Books		
950	Body Image, Relationships, and Sexuality	\$13.50	3
953	Twelve Traditions Workbook (box of 25)	\$337.50	0
960-2	Twelve Step Workshop and Study Guide (2nd Ed)	\$15.00	1
965	Participant Guide to Twelve Step Workshop and Study Guide (2nd Ed)	\$8.50	5
970	Taste of Lifeline	\$15.00	5
974	For Today Workbook	\$13.50	7
978	Seeking the Spiritual Path: A Collection from Lifeline	\$11.00	2
980	Overeaters Anonymous (3rd ed)	\$16.50	6
984	For Today	\$13.50	1
990-2	The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA (2nd Ed)	\$16.50	17
992	The Twelve-Step Workbook of OA (2nd Ed)	\$15.00	8
994	Abstinence (2nd Ed)	\$12.50	1
996	Voices of Recovery Workbook	\$13.50	9
998	Beyond Our Wildest Dreams	\$20.00	2
1000	Alcoholics Anonymous (4th ed)	\$13.50	3
	Recovery Coins		
4801	Anniversary Medallion 1 year	\$2.00	8
4802	Anniversary Medallion 2 year	\$2.00	9
4803	Anniversary Medallion 3 year	\$2.00	8
4804	Anniversary Medallion 4 year	\$2.00	10
4805	Anniversary Medallion 5 year	\$2.00	7
4806	Anniversary Medallion 6 year	\$2.00	3
4807	Anniversary Medallion 7 year	\$2.00	3
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4835	Anniversary Medallion 35 year	\$2.00	2				
4840	Anniversary Medallion 0 year	\$2.00	2				
470	Serenity Prayer Coin	\$0.45	27				
480	Recovery Medallion	\$5.00	7				
552	30-day Recovery Coins	\$0.60	27				
553	60-day Recovery Coins	\$0.60	31				
554	90-day Recovery Coin	\$0.60	21				
555	6-month Recovery Coin \$0.60						
556	90-day Recovery Coin	\$0.60	44				
560	Newcomer Welcome Coin	\$0.45	20				
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656	Overeaters Anonymous (3rd ed) CD	\$20.00	1				



Photos by Joy R.



### Newsletter News

Do you like to write articles or reflective pieces? Poems?

Do you like to draw? Take pictures?

Please consider submitting something to "New Beginnings"!

See below for articles needed, or write an article anywhere from 100-600 words that shares your experience, strength and hope on a recovery topic. Preferred format is Microsoft Word.

Send your submissions or any questions to newsletter@oacfi.org

### Please note:

- 1. Deadline for items is the 1st of the month that is 1 month prior to publication.
- 2. Starting with the August 2023 issue, each month one of OA's nine TOOLS will be featured in a brief article (3-6 sentences is fine—write more if you like). Please consider writing the article; you can ask yourself the following questions, if helpful:
  - How do I use this tool? What do I do to work it?
  - What does the tool mean to me? What are its benefits?
  - Anything else you would like to add!

	Newsletter Needs by Date	
For SEPTEMBER 2023 Newsletter:	DUE ASAP	
Need articles on:		
Step Nine: Love		
Concept Nine: Ability		

For OCTOBER 2023 Newsletter: DUE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

Need articles on:

Step Ten: Perseverance

**Tool: Literature** 

### Writing Prompt/Challenges:

- How I work my program during holidays
- How do you persevere when the going gets tough?

For NOVEMBER 2023 Newsletter: DUE OCTOBER 1 2023

Need articles on:

Step Eleven: Spiritual Awareness

Tradition Eleven: Anonymity

**Tool: Meetings** 

Writing Prompt/Challenge:

How I work my program during holidays

For DECEMBER 2023 Newsletter: DUE NOVEMBER 1 2023

Need articles on:

Concept Twelve: Guidelines (selflessness, realism, representation, dialogue, compassion,

respect)

Tool: A Plan of Eating

Writing Prompt/Challenge:

How I work my program during holidays

Gifts the program has given me





THANK YOU for submitting your articles, poems, and pictures!

### Meeting List as of 6-7-23

			MONDAY		
Time	Type	Group #	Location	Contact	Phone
10:00 am	L	89653	For Today Dedicated Virtual Meeting (Zoom only) Zoom ID: 693 585 0119 Password: 123123	Rosemarie K	352-638- 6286
Noon	SS	800822	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6935850119  Central Christian Church Zoom call in Zoom only 312-626-6799  Zoom: 844 7739 8454 pw serenity	Kathy S.	678-429- 1286
Noon	ВВ	800729	https://zoom.us/j/84477398454  OA Monday Big Book Meeting Zoom call-in Zoom only 309 205 3325 Meeting ID: 862 0335 5835, Passcode: 013606 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86203355835?	Joleen	352-425- 2339
5:00 pm	V	39211	pwd=S21XWGNKdmlFOFdld1NVS0lrN0hTQT09  DeLeon Springs (Call contact person to verify location) United Methodist Church 265 Ponce de Leon Blvd. DeLeon Springs, FL (face to face)	Chris	609-744- 8104
6:00 pm	L	57739	Face to Face meeting starting March 6, 2023 Asbury Methodist Church 220 Horatio Ave. Maitland, FL 32751	Alyson T.	407- 718- 2127
6:30 pm	D	53479	Holy Spirit Episcopal 601 S. Highland Avenue Apopka, FL 32703 (Face to Face)	Carrie C.	781-867- 1071
7:00 pm	SS	<mark>456</mark> 48	Casa De Fe Y Bendicion Zoom call in # Zoom only: 1 646 558 8656 Zoom 974 978 3696 pw 36387 https://zoom.us/j/9749783696	Terry C.	407-414- 5298
7:00 pm	V	01048	Church of the Ascension Zoom call in # Zoom only 1-646-558-8656 Zoom 974 978 3696 pw 36387 https://zoom.us/j/9749783696	Jacqueline	407-423- 4086
7:00 Pm New time!	V	800442	Grace Zoom meeting Zoom call in # Zoom only 1-253-215-8782 Zoom 868 3781 3267 pw grace <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86837813267">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86837813267</a>	Alicia C. NEW TIME STARTING 12/5/22	443-754- 0503
			TUESDAY		
10:00 am		50209	Chatham Rec Ctr 7415 SE 172 Legacy Ln The Villages 32159 (face to face)	Jim	603-502- 6856
Noon	D	800822	Central Christian Church Zoom Call in # Zoom only 1-312-626 6799 Zoom 844 7739 8454 pw serenity <a href="https://zoom.us/j/84477398454">https://zoom.us/j/84477398454</a>	Jacqueline	407-423- 4086

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5:30	L	56481	United Church of Christ	Debby	386-402-
pm			203 Washington Street		6631
$\rightarrow$			New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168 (FACE TO FACE)		
5:30	V	57273	The Meeting Place	Tim	352-215-
pm			3391 E. Silver Spring Blvd, Unit E		8495
			Ocala, FL 34470 (FACE TO FACE)		
6:00	V	800293	Many Faces / One Solution (Formerly Asbury)	Tina S	407-864-
pm			Zoom only call in #1 646 558 8656		6992
			Zoom 314 478 076		
			**Call contact person for password please**		
6:00		53032	YMCA	Trish	540-454-
pm			4127 West Norvell Bryant Highway		4600
			Lecanto, FL 34461 (FACE TO FACE)		
7:00	V	52613	North Village Pool House in Celebration	Geri B	407-557-
pm			Call contact person for directions (FACE TO FACE)		7055
			Celebration, FL 34747		
			WEDNEDAY		
			WEDNESDAY		
10:00	BB	48700	Lady Lake UMC	Rosemarie K	352-638-
am			corner of Hwy 27/441 and McClendon St		6286
			Lady Lake, FL 32159 (FACE TO FACE)		
Noon	BB	800822	Central Christian Church Zoom Call in #	Kathy S.	678-429-
			Zoom only 1-312-626 6799		1286
			Zoom 844 7739 8454 pw serenity		
			https://zoom.us/j/84477398454		
			THURSDAY		
10:30	V	57434	Westminster-By-the-Sea – Thursday 10:30	Lori	407-314-
am			3221 S Peninsula Drive		1636
			Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32118		
Noon	V	800822	Central Christian Church Zoom Call in #	Jacqueline	407-423-
			Zoom only 1-312-626 6799		4086
			Zoom 844 7739 8454 pw serenity		
			https://zoom.us/j/84477398454		
4:00	v	54798	Better Together	Donna G.	603-477-
pm			Zoom only		4555
			Zoom 842 9268 7636 pw Surrender		Text
			https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84292687636		first,
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6:00	D	89384	Zoom only Body Image-Recurring meeting	Kathy M	407-252-
pm		55504	Zoom 823 7540 9368 pw boai8	y ivi	7575
<b>P</b>			https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82375409368		7373
7.00	CD	80000	The state of the s	lock I	252 420
7:00	SP	89006	Thursday Evening Virtual Speaker Meeting	Jack L	352-430-
pm			Zoom 863 7071 7790 pw 654321		5487
			https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86370717790		
7.00	D.P.	1000	Church of the Massish Phane sult.	Jacon alia a	407.422
7:00	BB	18502	Church of the Messiah Phone only	Jacqueline	407-423-
pm			Uber conference 407-553-2087		4086

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			FRIDAY		
9:00 am	V	54490	Shepherd of The Hills Lutheran Church Zoom only Zoom 870 5439 1380 **Call contact person for password please**	Gail P	352-348- 1004
10:00 am	D	45611	Lady Lake Library (HYBRID) Zoom 154 974 236 pw 970404 225 W. Guava Street Lady Lake, FL 32159 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/154974236	Ilene H	352-753- 2333
Noon	N	800822	Central Christian Church Zoom only Call in 312-626-6799 Zoom 844 7739 8454 pw serenity https://zoom.us/j/84477398454	Kathy S	678-429- 1286
7:00 pm	L	801000	Tuscawilla United Methodist Church Zoom only (literature meeting) Zoom code: 297 035 614 PW: 028590 <a href="https://zoom.us/j/297035614">https://zoom.us/j/297035614</a> 1st Friday of every month is a SPEAKERS meeting	Gloria	407-340- 2008
7:00 pm	L	20088	St. Luke UMC Phone only Uber Conf 407-553-2087 SATURDAY	Jacqueline	407-423- 4086
8:30 am	N	51130	Hibiscus Village Rec Center 1740 Bailey Trail (FACE TO FACE) The Villages FL 32162 (Jasmine Card Rm)	Judy S.	516-551- 5269
8:30 am	V	46887	Ascension Church (Rm 108) 4950 S. Apopka Vineland Road Orlando, FL 32819	Geri B.	407-557- 7055
9:00 am	V	800378	Saturday Zoom Port Orange Zoom 880 7717 9552 password 305705	Jane V.	386 679- 2098
9:00 am	D	38611	St. Richards Church HYBRID MEETING 5151 Lake Howell Road Winter Park, FL 32792 The last Saturday is a speaker meeting Zoom 896 1851 4937 **Call contact person for password please** https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89618514937	Carole M.	407-616- 8908
9:00 am	D	48952	Port Orange Presbyte <mark>rian Church</mark> 4662 S. Clyde E Morris Blvd Port Orange, FL 32129	Debby H.	386-402- 6631
9:30 am	D	800324	For Today Saturday 9:30 am Zoom Only Zoom 784 066 770 PW serenity https://us02web.zoom.us/j/784066770	Cheryl S.	407-221- 5928

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12:00	Med	800822	Central Christian Church New Meeting	Jacqueline	407-423-
pm			Zoom only Call in 312-626-6799		4086
			Zoom 844 7739 8454 pw serenity		
			https://zoom.us/j/84477398454		
			SUNDAY		
8:00	٧	57479	The Meeting Place	Tim	352-215-
200			3391 E. Silver Spring Blvd, Unit E		8495
am			Ocala, FL 34470 (FACE TO FACE)		
5:00	V	48951	7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church	Patti D.	407-791-
pm			Zoom only		1999
			Zoom 398 124 045		
			**Call contact person for password please**		

BB – Big Book

D - Discussion

L – Literature

Med — Meditation

N - Newcomers

SF – Special Focus

SS – Step Study



### VIDEO-CONFERENCE MEETING SECURITY AND INFORMATION

The Southeastern Overeaters Anonymous Region 8 (SOAR 8) Technology Committee has created several informational documents, listed below. You can right-click on a title and choose "open hyperlink" to access the document directly, or go to the SOAR 8 website: <a href="https://oaregion8.org/committees/technology/">https://oaregion8.org/committees/technology/</a>

- A Primer on QR Codes
- <u>Tips & Tricks on Reducing Background Noise</u> (Virtual Meetings)
- Video-conference Meeting Training & Security/Preventive Measures

### **TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2023**

GROUP NUMBER	DAY	MEETING	MAY 2023 CON- TRIBUTION	
574 <mark>79</mark>	Sun	The Meeting Place Ocala		
48951	Sun	7th Day Adventist Church	\$	15.00
800822	M-S	Central Christian Church Noon	\$	382.00
800729	Mon	Dunnellon Pres Church Dunnellon		
16681	Mon	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church of Leesburg		
39211	Mon	UMC, DeLeon Springs	\$	100.00
89068	Mon	Central Christian Church 12pm		
45648	Mon	Casa De Fe Y Bendicion, Kissimmee		
57739	Mon	Maitland 6:00 PM		
800442	Mon	Grace Zoom	\$	10.00
53479	Mon	Holy Spirit-Voices of Recovery, Apopka	\$	68.00
1048	Mon	Church of Ascention, Apopka		
89653	Mon	Zoom For Today Meeting		
800293	Tue	Many Faces One Solution		
50209	Tue	Chatham Rec Ctr., The Villages		
52613	Tue	North Pool Celebration , Kissimmee		
56481	Tue	New Smyrna Beach Church of Christ		
53032	Tue	YMCA Lecanto Fl		
57273	Tue	The Meeting Place Ocala		
89070	Tue	Central Christian Church		
89069	Wed	Central Christian Church		
48700	<b>W</b> ed	Lady Lake UMC	\$	100.00
57675	Thurs	The Meeting Place Ocala		
18502	Thurs	Church of the Messiah, Winter Garden		
57434	Thurs	Westmin <mark>ister By The Sea</mark>		
52976	Thurs	Grace Episcopal, Port Orange		
89071	Thurs	Central Christian Church		
54798	Thurs	Better Together		
89006	Thurs	Zoom Speaker Mtg	\$	45.00
89384	Thurs	Zoom Body Imag <mark>e</mark>	\$	50.00
936	Fri	Tuscawilla UMC, Casselberry		
20088	Fri	St. Lukes UMC		
45611	Fri	Lady Lake Library	\$	150.00
89072	Fri	Central Christian Church		
54490	Fri	Shepherd of the Hill Church, Clermont	\$	145.00
9016	Sat	Central Florida Intergroup		
38611	Sat	St. Richards Episcopal, Winter Park 9am		

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800378	Sat	Zoom Port Orange 9 am	
80032 <mark>4</mark>	Sat	For Today 9:30 am	
46887	Sat	Ascension Church	\$ 123.00
48952	Sat	Port Orange Presy	
51130	Sat	Hibiscus Village Rec. Ctr - Newcomer 8:30	
50419	Sat	Hibiscus Village Rec. Ctr - 12 Steps 10:00	\$ 234.25
		Remaining treasury closed group	
		unknown group #	
		Individual Contributions (PayPal)	
		Individual Contributions (check)	
		literature	
		Step Workshop	\$ 50.00
		Angel Card	
		Big Book Study Sunday 6-8	
		Words to Live By	
		Total Group Contributions	\$ 1,472.25



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Coming Intergroup Meetings (Second Saturday of the month):

10 am August 12, 2023

10 am September 9, 2023

### \* **ZOOM INFO. for Intergroup Meetings:**

Join Zoom Meeting

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