

# Today

January  
2009

Palm Beach County Intergroup Association

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## Upcoming Events!!!



### 4th Annual Old Timers Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Old Timers with 35 years and  
up please contact the  
Intergroup Office at 655-5700



## BIRTHDAY CLUB

### -Celebrants in January-

Elizabeth B. 2 yrs.  
Billy Mc. 3 yrs.  
Michael G. 8 yrs.  
Tom S. 18 yrs.  
Michele H. 18 yrs.  
Dan B. 21 yrs.  
Barry B. 24 yrs.  
Beverly R. 27 yrs.

### Calls to the Office in November

- AA Related - 181
- Other Programs - 39
- 12<sup>th</sup> Step Calls - 3
- Institutions - 2
- Public Information - 0
- Visitors - 194
- AA Emails - 64
- Total Activity - 483



Groups may announce  
sponsored events in the  
*Today*.  
Call the Intergroup Office  
655-5700

### Service Scheduled:

**1/4 Institutions 4:30pm**  
**1/11 GSR 5:00pm**  
**2/4 Intergroup Meeting 6:15pm**  
**2/25 Steering Meeting 6:15pm**

Celebrate your years of recovery!  
Join the Birthday Club  
(Use form on Page 4.)

## Intergroup's Purpose

To serve our associated groups in carrying the A.A. message to the still suffering alcoholic according to the principles of the twelve steps, twelve traditions, and twelve concepts of A.A., always remembering that our common welfare comes first.

**Intergroup Meeting Minutes for December 5, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Leroy S. at 6:15pm followed by the Serenity prayer and the reading of the 12 Traditions.

**Welcome New Representatives:** Jude F. – After Hours Group, Larry M. (alt.) – After Hours Group, Chris H. - After Hours Group, Nickki L. – Road to Freedom, Julie – Women in Sobriety

**Secretary's Report:** Ellen M. Motion made and passed to accept minutes as printed in the Today.

**Treasurer's Report:** David C. Intergroup turned a profit in October. We are still looking for ways to cut costs.

**Committee Reports:**

**1. General Service/Intergroup Liaison:** Katrina W. not present.

**2. Institutions:** Luke G. Nothing new to report. The Institutions committee meets on the first Sunday of the month at 5:00 p.m. with orientation for new volunteers at 4:30 p.m. We need volunteers with 6 months of sobriety or more to join our team as we joyfully carry the AA message and ensure our own sobriety. Donations to the Institutions committee should be made payable to Palm Beach Institutions Committee.

**3. Office Manager:** Beth E. Binders with a suggested format will be available for groups participating in the Christmas/New Years Alcolthon. Envelopes for collections will also be provided. Envelopes should be delivered to the Triangle Club safe.

If you have at least one year of sobriety and feel a need to be of service, we would like to hear from you. You can volunteer morning or afternoon, weekly shifts are only 4 hours. The volunteers answer phones and assist me in the operation of the office. Please call the Intergroup Office at (561) 655-5700. Currently all shifts are filled.

**4. Public Information:** Larry M. volunteered for service.

**5. 12 Step List:** Anthony M. Volunteers with a minimum of 1 year of sobriety always needed for service. Women are especially needed who can provide transportation.

**6. Phone Volunteer:** Mark C. If you have at least 6 months sobriety this is a great way of doing service. Volunteer needed to cover Friday shift from 8pm – 11pm.

**7. Today:** Mary C. Today is good.

**8. B-Day Club/Today:** Matt S. All good.

**9. Website Committee:** Mark P. The meeting list is up to date. Christmas & New Year's Alcolthon meeting list will be posted.

**10. Group Contact Committee:** Steve Y. & Debbie There are 400 groups to go through. Having trouble getting callbacks from groups.

**11. Bridging the Gap:** Leroy S. 1 bridge in November. Babs will take over commitment 1/09.

**Unfinished Business:**

Alcolthon New Years Eve Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Business to be Discussed:** None

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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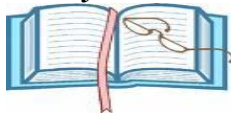
**PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP  
Operating Report  
11/1/08-11/30/08**

<b>Income:</b>	
Literature Sales	\$2,723.63
Sales Tax	\$173.71
Tax Exempt Sales	\$60.70
Group Donations	\$4,571.07
Today Membership	\$6.00
Birthday Club	\$45.00
Intergroup Meeting	\$37.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$7,617.11</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Office Salary	\$2,890.29
Rent/Water	\$430.00
AT&T (Website/Internet/Long distance)	\$459.20
FPL	\$124.31
Pest Control	\$35.00
Printing	\$3,558.79
Sales Tax	\$330.19
Payroll Tax	\$0.00
Unemployment Tax (Quarterly)	\$0.00
Health Insurance (Quarterly)	\$801.00
Literature Purchases	\$3,047.00
Office Expense	\$179.22
Interpreter Services	\$300.00
Alarm Monitoring (Annual)	\$276.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,431.00</b>
<b>Monthly Profit/Loss</b>	<b>-\$4,813.89</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>\$4,720.95</b>
<b>Prudent Reserve Balance</b>	<b>\$14,829.07</b>

Palm Beach County Institutions Committee 11/1/08-11/31/08	
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	\$9,198.63
<b>Income:</b>	
<b>Group Contributions</b>	
Tiki Hut Beach Group	\$100.00
Happy Hour Group	\$100.00
After Hours Group	\$204.33
Lantana Group	\$38.63
Smoke Free Sobriety Group	\$23.15
Monday Night Men's Group	\$60.00
Serenity Ladies	\$18.00
Good Guys Group	\$46.00
Anonymous Donations	\$50.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$640.11</b>
Big Book Ball Tickets	\$550.00
Big Book Ball Auction	\$150.00
50/50 Raffle	\$298.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,638.11</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Bank Charge	\$0.00
Big Books	\$920.00
Printing	\$53.53
Rent	\$50.00
Big Book Ball Decorations	
Big Book Ball Band	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,023.53</b>

**BIG BOOK STEP / STUDY  
WORKSHOP**

January 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>



8:30 – 4:30 PM

@ The Triangle Club  
1369 Okeechobee Rd.

West Palm Beach, FL 33401

For more information call Bill O- 561-588-7024

For directions only call: 832-1110

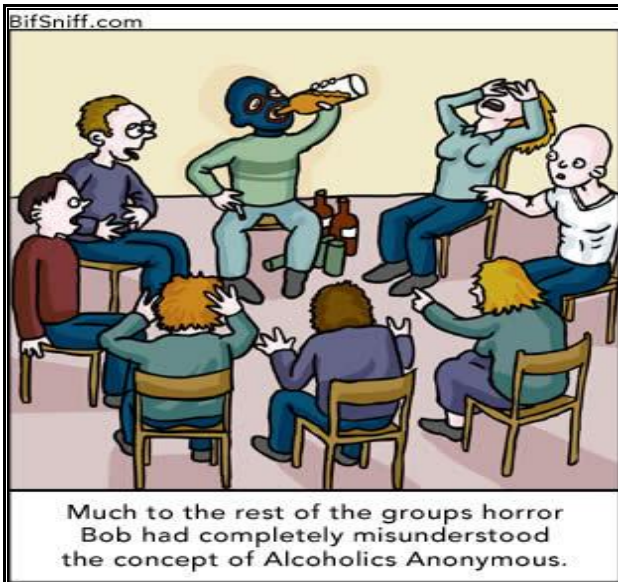
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2008	NOVEMBER	2008	November
AFTER HOURS GROUP	\$ 204.33	LOOK TO THIS DAY GROUP	
ALONG SPIRITUAL LINES		LOVE FAITH & LIFE GROUP	
<b>ANONYMOUS</b>	<b>\$ 206.13</b>	LUNCHBUNCH GROUP	
BASIC TEXT		MEN'S FIFTH TRADITION	
BEACHCOMBERS BACK TO BASICS	\$ 600.00	MID-DAY LIVE GROUP	
BEACHCOMBERS LUNCHBUNCH		MONDAY NIGHT MEDITATION GROUP	\$ 40.00
BEYOND SOBRIETY		MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP	
CABIN FEVER GROUP		NOON HOUR GROUP	
CENTRAL GROUP		NORTHWOOD GROUP	
DAY'S END		PASS IT ON (MEN'S)	
DAY OPENERS		PRIMARY PURPOSE	\$ 300.00
DESIGN FOR LIVING		PRIME TIME GROUP	\$ 75.00
DON'T QUIT BEFORE THE MIRACLE		PROMISES PROMISES	
EACH DAY A NEW BEGINNING	\$ 248.70	RIVER BOTTOM GROUP(MON)	
END OF THE ROAD GROUP		ROAD TO FREEDOM	\$ 100.00
EXPECT A MIRACLE		SAT. NIGHT BIG BOOK STUDY	
FERN STREET GROUP		SEAGULL GROUP	
FLORIDA GARDENS GROUP		SERENITY ON THE BEACH	
FLORIDA ROUNDUP		SINGLENESS OF PURPOSE	
FLORIDA STATE CONV.	\$ 1,000.00	SMOKE FREE SOBRIETY	
FREE SPIRITED WOMEN		SISTERS IN SOBRIETY	
FRIDAY NIGHT BEGINNERS		SOBER ON SUNDAY	\$ 150.00
GIFT OF SOBRIETY		SOBER SISTERS	
GOLD COAST CANDLELIGHT		SOBER SENIORS	\$ 180.00
GOOD MORNING GROUP	\$ 500.00	SOBRIETY FIRST GROUP	\$ 60.00
GOOD ORDERLY DIRECTION		SOBRIETY IS A BEACH	
HAPPY HOUR GROUP		SPIRIT OF 76 GROUP	
HAPPY HOUR ST EDWARDS		SPIRITUAL AWAKENING	
HARMONY WOMEN'S GROUP		SPONSORSHIP GROUP	
HERE AND NOW		STEP FORWARD GROUP	
HIGHNOON GROUP	\$ 50.00	SWEET SERENITY GROUP	\$ 25.00
ISLAND GROUP		TELL IT LIKE IT IS	
HOOKED ON SOBRIETY		THE NEW DOWNTOWN GROUP	
JUPITER FARM'S GROUP		THERE IS A SOLUTION	
JUPITER GROUP		TIKI HUT BEACH GROUP	
JUPITER SUNRISE GROUP	\$ 585.68	TO THE POINT GROUP	
KIRK ROAD GROUP	\$ 25.00	TRADITIONAL BB MEETING	
LADIES STEP AHEAD		TWELVE STEPS & TWELVE TRADITIONS	
LADIES STEP MEETING		TWISTED SISTER	
LAKE WORTH GROUP		UNITY BREAKFAST	
LAKE WORTH SERENITY		WEDNESDAY NIGHT GFY	\$ 31.00
LAKESIDE COTTAGE GROUP		WEDNESDAY NIGHT WINNERS	
LANTANA GROUP	\$ 40.23	WESTSIDE GROUP	\$ 100.00
LIFE IS GOOD GROUP		WOMEN IN SOBRIETY	\$ 50.00
LIVING SOBER GROUP		WOMEN SEEKING THE TRUTH	
LIVE & LET LIVE		WOMEN'S AWAKENING STUDY GROUP	
LOG CABIN LUNCHBUNCH		YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING SOBER	
LOGGERHEAD BEACH GROUP			
LOOK TO THIS DAY GROUP		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,571.07</b>
LOVE FAITH & LIFE GROUP		<b>DONATING GROUPS</b>	<b>21 \$47,010.78</b>

Many days we are tempted to ask Why? -Why did this happen to me? Why was I singled out? Why am I not a different person? But the Whys only lead to clever explanations and rationalizations of what we do or what we are. The question for us is not why, but how! The How can give us a deeper understanding of the program; we ask how to do, listen to and learn the program of recovery. We ask God how and he provides the strength and guidance needed. How will lead to everything needed for recovery and personal growth. Why is irrelevant.

---Day by Day by Hazelton (January 3)



### The 12th Step

“Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principals in all our affairs.”

*Alcoholics Anonymous p.60*

### TRADITION TWELVE

"Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principals before personalities."

**SIGN UP FOR THE BIRTHDAY CLUB**  
**Complete form & mail to "Birthday Club"**

**1371 Okeechobee Rd, WPB FL 33401**  
**Or e-mail us at pbciaa @ Bellsouth.net**

**Please include your name & address,**  
**Anniversary month and year.**  
**Included in your membership you will**  
**receive A "Bill and Bob" Medallion a**  
**Birthday Flyer and Your name printed**  
**in the Today news letter.**

**\$1.00 per year of sobriety is the**  
**suggested donation.**

**Subscribe to *Today!***

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**12 issues mailed directly to you!**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

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**Welcome new Reps in December**

**Carol F. After Hours Group**  
**Larry M. (Alt.) After Hours Group**  
**Julie G. Women in Sobriety**  
**Denise C. (Alt.) Lantana Group**  
**Royane R. Smoke Free Sobriety**  
**Nickki L.-P. Road to Freedom**  
**Sammy A. (Alt.) Gratitude Group**

**Birthday Club Form**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Sobriety Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Donation \_\_\_\_\_

**ASL Interpreted Meetings are offered at the**  
**following meeting:**

**Thursday @ 8:30PM Love, Faith & Life Group**  
**at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church,**  
**2341 South Military Trail**

If you have any Questions Contact Intergroup at  
561-655-5700

***Phone Meeting***

Are you homebound? Mobility impaired? You are invited to the TELEPHONE AA MEETING. Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. without leaving your home. All you need is a telephone. Just dial 1-712-432-1630 and when asked for your conference code enter 933358#. Please say your first name when you are connected and the host (chairperson) will call on you to share by name. This will be a closed AA meeting. If you recognize one of the other callers, please do not break his or her anonymity. You may call in any time after 7:15 p.m. but if you call in after 7:30 when the meeting is in progress, please wait until the person speaking is finished before announcing your name.

**IMPORTANT!** This is not a toll-free call. The conference call feature is free and will accommodate up to 95 callers. However, you will be responsible for any long distance charges at your own rate. Many who use cell phones, digital phone services or special calling packages will have no long distance charges.

This meeting is provided by the Special Needs Committee of General Service District 8 in Palm Beach County, Florida. If you have any questions, call 561-844-7655 or e-mail to TrustsForPets@bellsouth.net.