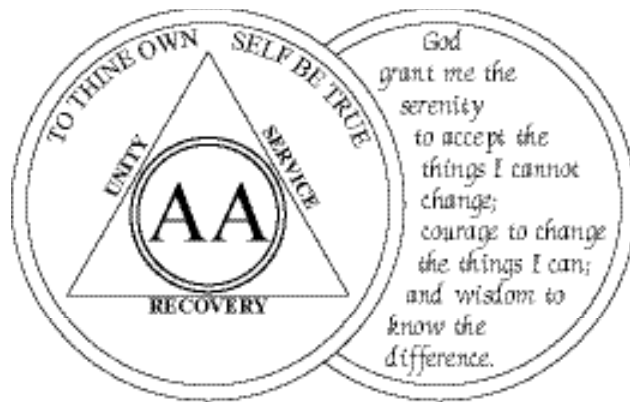


# TODAY

## Palm Beach County Intergroup Association

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.



October 2013

[www.aa-palmbeachcounty.org](http://www.aa-palmbeachcounty.org)

24 Hour AA Hotline 561-655-5700

# INTERGROUP'S 37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL *Potluck Dinner*

Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

Doors open at 5:00

Coffee at 6:00

Dinner at 6:30

Speaker Meeting at 7:30

Guest speaker John G. from Palm Bay, FL

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
1000 Lantana Road, Lantana, FL

For more information, call Intergroup  
at 655-5700 or ask your Intergroup Rep



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## Join an Intergroup Committee!

12 Step List • Bridging the Gap • Group Contact  
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# Financial Reports

Palm Beach County Institutions  
Committee Operating Report  
9/1/2013 - 9/30/2013

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$6,580.20</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Group Contributions	—
Event Income	—
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Printing	\$12.69
Rent	\$60.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$72.69</b>
<b>Monthly Profit/ (Loss):</b>	<b>(\$72.69)</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$6,507.51</b>

Office Activity for September	
Requests for meetings info	161
12th Step requests	4
BTG	—
Other information	110
Public Information requests	—
Institutions Meeting requests	2
Visitors	295
Emails	215
<b>Total Activity</b>	<b>787</b>

Website Visits for September	
Total Visitors	5,516
1st Time Visitors	4,499
Returning Visitors	1,017

**Read the TODAY online. Go to  
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**TODAY is looking for submissions.  
Email [today@aa-palmbeachcounty.org](mailto:today@aa-palmbeachcounty.org)**

Palm Beach County Intergroup Operating Report  
9/1/2013 - 9/30/2013

<b>Revenues</b>		
Literature Sales	\$4,774.76	
Sales Tax	285.71	
Group Contributions	2,767.24	
Annual Picnic	80.00	
Potluck Dinner	112.00	
Birthday Club Memberships	81.00	
Meeting Baskets	37.00	
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>\$8,137.71</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Literature Purchases	\$2,462.22	
Sales Tax	328.22	
Potluck Dinner	150.00	
Office Salary	2,746.16	
FICA & Unemployment Tax	210.08	
Paychex(monthly fee)	77.00	
Health Insurance	500.00	
Rent & Water	475.00	
AT&T (Internet, Phone, Website)	295.15	
FP&L	135.46	
Exterminating	35.00	
Repairs and Maintenance	22.93	
Printing	231.00	
Office Supplies / Postage	101.52	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$7,769.74</b>
<b>Monthly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>\$367.97</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>		<b>\$17,360.60</b>
<b>Prudent Reserve Interest</b>		<b>\$0.45</b>
<b>Prudent Reserve Balance</b>		<b>\$17,541.70</b>

## DO YOU HAVE AN INTERGROUP REP?

If not, Intergroup needs the name of a Group Contact person for each group. Please email the following info to [groupcontact@aa-palmbeachcounty.org](mailto:groupcontact@aa-palmbeachcounty.org):

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Contact Person's Name</b>
<b>Email Address</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>

## Standing Meetings

**Institutions Committee** meets on the First Sunday of every month at the Triangle Club at 1369 Okeechobee Road, West Palm Beach. For those interested in becoming involved, there is a mandatory orientation at 4:30 p.m. in Serenity room, which precedes our general meeting at 5:00 p.m. The Institutions Committee is always looking for volunteers. Join us! This is a great way to pass it on.

**Intergroup** meets at 6:15 pm on the Second Wednesday of every month at the Intergroup Office, 1371 Okeechobee Rd., West Palm Beach. Visitors are welcome. For more information please call the Intergroup Office at 655-5700.

**District 8 General Service** meets at the Triangle Club (1369 Okeechobee Rd, WPB) on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> (third Sunday) this month @ 5:00 p.m.

Visitors are welcome. For more information please go to [www.district8area15aa.com](http://www.district8area15aa.com) or call the Intergroup Office at 655-5700.



“No matter how hard I tried to quit, I kept drinking like a fish.”

## Upcoming Events

**October 11th-13th** South Florida Area 15 General Service Assembly at the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront Registration Friday 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM; Saturday 8:00 AM-8:30 PM; Sunday 7:00 AM- 9:00 AM. For more information visit: <http://www.area15aa.org/>

**October 19th** 37th Annual Intergroup Potluck Dinner. Doors Open at 5pm Coffee at 6:00, Dinner at 6:30, Speaker meeting at 7:30. Guest Speaker John G. from Palm City, FL Holy Spirit Catholic Church 1000 Lantana Rd., Lantana FL. Tickets \$8.00 Hot and cold dishes needed. Support Intergroup and join us for food, fun and fellowship. For more info, please contact intergroup 655-5700 or talk to your intergroup rep.

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>** Women’s Fourth Dimension invites you to celebrate their group’s 26th Anniversary. Doors open & coffee served at 6:00. Dinner at 6:30. Double speaker meeting at 7:00. Church of the Gardian Angels. 1325 Cardinal Lane, Lake Worth. *Women only.*

**October 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>** Promises in Paradise Caribbean Convention St. Thomas, USVI go to [www.PromisesInParadise.com](http://www.PromisesInParadise.com) for info.

**November 9<sup>th</sup>** 51st Annual Gratitude Dinner @ The Borland Center 4885 PGA Blvd Palm Beach Gardens 33418. Tickets are \$25. All proceeds go to AA World Services. For more information, contact Craig C. at [ccuden@comcast.net](mailto:ccuden@comcast.net).

## The History of Chips

The chip system is thought to have begun in Indianapolis in 1942. The tradition is believed to have started with Doherty S., who originally brought A.A. to Indianapolis. Doherty himself, in a letter to Bill, seems to indicate the practice originated in Indianapolis in 1942.

Nell Wing wrote in 1962 about the history of the chip system: “...The chip system might have begun in Indianapolis....reference was made in a letter from Doherty to the start of giving out ‘chips’ and ‘tokens.’ This was in 1942. I imagine this would be about right, because most of the early groups started in 1940 and it would take about a couple of years to think of anniversaries and marking any time of sobriety. I asked Bill about this and his memory is that the system started in Indianapolis.”

In Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers, it indicates that Sister Ignatia in Akron, working at St. Thomas Hospital, also used medallions: “Sister Ignatia gave each of her newly released patients a Sacred Heart medallion, which she asked them to return before they took the first drink. She would occasionally give out St. Christopher medals as well...” (page 195).

We don’t know precisely who started this system first, or when and how it spread to other groups. As with many things in AA, the exact nature of the history eludes us!

*From “Frequently Asked Questions About AA’s History” on [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)*





# Birthday Club

## September Celebrants

Stephanie C. 5 years	Janice P. 13 years
James V. 5 years	Ann C. 14 years
Ann G. 6 years	Katie C. 15 years
Wendy S. 6 years	Bernard W. 16 years
David S. 6 years	Cathy C. 17 years
Denise C. 6 years	Wayne E. 17 years
Patricia H. 7 years	Lauren E. 17 years
Claudia M. 7 years	John K. 17 years
Kevin D. 8 years	Alex A. 24 years
Mark P. 11 years	Ed B. 24 years
Barry L. 12 years	John H. 42 years!

## October Celebrants

Scott M. 3 years	JoAnn R. 14 years
Jay S. 5 years	Jorge A. 19 years
Ashley O. 6 years	Shane B. 21 years
Christine H. 7 years	Helen O. 27 years
Greg F. 8 years	Lane K. 37 years
Steven B. 9 years	

### JOIN THE BIRTHDAY CLUB!

Celebrate your years of recovery by giving a little something back!

You'll get:

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Complete this form and mail to:

Birthday Club, 1371 Okeechobee Road, WPB FL 33401 or email us at pbciaa@bellsouth.net

\$1 per year of sobriety is the suggested contribution (Feel free to give more!)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Group: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## Steps • Traditions • Concepts

**Step 10:** Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

**Tradition 10:** Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

1. Do I ever give the impression that there really *is* an "AA opinion" on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen?
2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression that I am stating the "AA opinion"?
3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
4. Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?
5. What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
6. Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?
7. How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?

**Concept 10:** Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

- Do we understand "authority" and "responsibility" as they relate to group conscience decisions by GSRs, DCMs and our area delegates?
- Why is delegation of "authority" so important to the overall effectiveness of AA? Do we use this concept to define the scope of "authority?" ▲

