

Palm Beach County Intergroup Association

TODAY

To serve our associated groups in carrying the AA message to the still-suffering alcoholic, according to the principles of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of AA, always remembering that our common welfare comes first.

March 2019

www.aa-palmbeachcounty.org

24-hour AA Hotline 561-655-5700

FOR A GOOD OLD TIME

Join us for

The Palm Beach County Intergroup Annual



“Old Timers’ Social”

Saturday, April 13, 2019 | 5:15 – 8:30 pm
Holy Spirit Episcopal Church
1003 Allendale Rd., West Palm Beach FL 33405

If you would like to speak, and have 35 years
of sobriety or more, contact Intergroup.

Doors open at 5:00 pm
Coffee & Cake at 5:15
Speakers to begin at 6:00

For more information:
Intergroup 561-655-5700
pbciaa@bellsouth.net

This is a Free Event

MONTHLY REPORTS

PBCo Institutions Committee Operating Report 02/01/2019 – 02/28/2019		Palm Beach County Intergroup Operating Report 02/01/2019 – 02/28/2019	
Opening Balance Operating	10,557.86	Opening Balance Checking	9,900.97
Opening Bal Prudent Reserve	12,501.32	Opening Bal Prudent Reserve	13,546.51
Income		Income	
Group Contributions	570.73	Group Contributions	2,467.22
Interest	.10	Other Direct Public Support	92.64
Total Income	570.83	Sales-Books	2,629.45
Expenses		Sales-Literature	760.40
Printing Expenses	64.96	Sales-Medallions	1,387.22
Total Expenses	64.96	Birthday Club	155.00
Monthly Surplus/(Deficit)	505.77	Interest-CD	.10
Ending Balance Operating	11,063.63	Total Income	7,492.03
Ending Bal Prudent Reserve	12,501.42	Cost of Goods Sold	
Office Activity for February		COGS-Books	2,220.32
Requests for meetings info	194	COGS-Literature	337.91
12th Step Requests	0	COGS-Medallions	598.65
BTG	0	Purch Costs & Discounts	-1.84
Other Info	18	COGS-Other	50.90
Public Information	0	Total Cost of Goods Sold	3,205.94
Institution Meeting Requests	1	Gross Profit	4,286.09
Visitors	164	Expense	
Emails	198	Fac/Equip-Exterminating	37.00
Total Activity	575	Fac/Equip-Rent and Water	475.00
Website Visits for February		Fac/Equip-Other	98.83
Unique Visits		Ops-AT&T Internet	282.86
First Time Visits		Ops-FPL	86.56
Returning Visits		Ops-Office Supplies	51.71
		Ops-Postage, Mailing	22.00
		Ops-Printing and Copying	197.00
		Employee Health Insurance	150.00
		Payroll Exp-FICA, Unempl. Tax	235.64
		Payroll Exp-Ofc Mgr Salary	3,080.00
		Paychex	143.39
		Special Events	200.00
		Total Expense	5,059.99
		Net Profit/(Loss)	(773.90)
		Ending Balance Checking	5,716.13
		Ending Bal Prudent Reserve	13,546.61

Standing Meetings

Institutions Committee meets on the First Sunday of every month at the Intergroup Office, 1371 Okeechobee Road, WPB. For those interested in becoming involved, there is a mandatory orientation at 4:30 pm, which precedes our general meeting at 5:00 pm. 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 Road, WPB. Visitors are welcome. For more information please call the Intergroup Office at 655-5700.

District 8 General Service meets on the Second Sunday of every month [except months when the District quarterly meeting is held; then on the Third Sunday] at 4 pm, at the Triangle Club, 1369 Okeechobee Road, WPB. Visitors are welcome. For more info, please go to www.district8area15aa.com or call the Intergroup Office at 655-5700.

Upcoming Events

4/13 – Old Timers' Social

See cover!

4/26-28 – Spring Fling AA Convention in St. Louis <www.springflingstl.com>

6/15 – Founders' Day Dinner

Does your group have an event coming up? Send to

today@aa-palmbeachcounty.org

From the Intergroup Chair – Printed with Permission

The below is an email exchange between myself and a member formerly involved with Intergroup, after the member's reading of the February 2019 minutes.

Hello Scott. Thank you for your service. I am disappointed reading the Feb. minutes. AA service is about communication and providing information. We are an Intergroup with 3 Liaisons, 2 of which did not provide a report. We have 9 committee chairs. 5 did not submit a report. Perhaps a reminder to the committee chairs that they chair a committee, which suggests more than one. A committee chair can delegate someone to write & submit a report. With 55 Intergroup members attending the meeting, there would not appear to be a lack of enthusiasm and willingness to serve. Let's strive for meetings filled with reports. Thanks again for your service. (Name withheld)

Good morning (name withheld)!

Scott forwarded your e-mail to me at my request for response. Thank you for your comments; I appreciate feedback.

I thoroughly agree with you that the service opportunity for the committee chairs and liaisons is about gathering and disseminating information; learning and growing through the process. I and other members of the Board have frequently encouraged participation and submission of the information. However, these are volunteer positions and one cannot collar and leash someone and MAKE them do the work.

As you know, having done your share of service to AA (and I'm sure the outside community) that it is difficult to get people to perform. The old adage that 10% of the people do 90% of the work is true. Although those of us who are more dedicated to service try, there is only so much we can do. I have sent reminders to those who have not followed through to encourage more regarding their commitment. With some there has been response and others not. And now that we are winding down the rotation year(s), the participation is less and less.

I am hopeful that the next rotation of volunteers for the Board and the various committee chairs and liaisons will be more enthusiastic and the next chair will have better participation. Overall though - I think the present rotation has done a good job with what we have had to work with.

Again thank you for your input - it is valued. I just wish we could give you a more positive response. So - pray for us - elections start next month.

Deb - Chair
Palm Beach County Intergroup

Steps | Traditions | Concepts

Step 3: Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God, as we understood Him.

Tradition 3: The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I overimpressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?

Concept 3: To ensure effective leadership, we should endow each element of AA—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

1. Do we understand what is meant by “Right of Decision”? Do we grant it to all levels of service or do we “instruct”?
2. Do we trust our trusted servants—GSR, DCM, area delegate, the Conference itself?

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Birthday Club			
February Anniversaries			
Matthew I	11 yrs	Dennis C	16 yrs
Andy B	11 yrs	Sandy D	20 yrs
Angie S	12 yrs	Joanna S	28 yrs
Jim Mck	14 yrs	Pamela B	31 yrs
Deb M	15 yrs	Claudia M	33 yrs
March Anniversaries			
Vic C	5 yrs	Amy C	25 yrs
Mary G	9 yrs	Bruce "Cuz" M	26 yrs
Daniel P	10 yrs	Barbara E	28 yrs
Tammy J	10 yrs	Roy B	35 yrs
Roger B	10 yrs	Peter W	37 yrs
Sandie F	11 yrs	Brian E	37 yrs
Josh McD	11 yrs	Giff D	54 yrs