



# Today

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2007

Palm Beach County Intergroup Association

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From The Grapevine, Sept. 1944 issue

### Tax-Free A.A. Books!!

Intergroup is pleased to announce that from 8/4 thru 8/13 there will be NO TAX on books (books only).

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NEW INSIDE!



## BIRTHDAY CLUB

### ★ Birthday Celebrants ★

-Celebrants in June-  
Jane D. - 6 yrs.  
Celebrants in July-  
Elizabeth D. - 20 yrs.  
Robbie B. - 19 yrs.

**WELCOME NEW REPS IN JULY !!!**  
**No Intergroup Meeting**  
**Due to July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday**  
**0 Reps Attended**



### Calls to the Office in June

- AA Related - 291
- Other 12 Step Related Programs - 35
- 12<sup>th</sup> Step Calls - 5
- Institutions - 1
- Public Information - 2
- Visitors - 196
- AA Emails - 91
- Website Visits - 1267
- 1st time Website Visits - 997
- Returned Website Visitors - 270

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE \*\***

**New Intergroup Office**  
**Saturday hours are**  
**9:30AM to 1:30PM**

### Service Schedule

**8/5 - Institutions Committee Mtg. 4:30pm**  
**8/12 GSR Meeting 5:00pm**  
**8/29 - Steering Committee Mtg. 6:15pm**  
**9/5 - Intergroup Meeting 6:15pm**

## 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 July, 2007

The meeting for July 4, 2007 was canceled due to Independence Day.

### Welcome New Representatives:

**Secretary's Report:** Robert N.

**Treasurer's Report:** Debra M.

### Committee Reports:

**1. General Service/Intergroup Liaison: Joan H.** On Sunday June 10, the General Service District 8 had their annual Delegate's Luncheon with our current Delegate, Bill O. This report is about the 57 th Conference in NY, which is held every April. Bill announced that at this time we are only 45% self-supporting as there are 31,000-32,000 groups not contributing to general service in New York. There were 57 Countries at the World Service Meeting this year.

#### Advisory Actions at Conference

1-There are two pamphlets for Corrections F or C-162 or F or C-163 which are very much alike these are for 1 Outsiders to sign up with an inmate coming out and the other for the Insiders asking for a contact when they leave the prison so it was asked at least to change one color to note they are not the same. Continue to develop the video for Corrections officers, excluding one deletion

a- Recommended that the one time donation of \$2000. be changed to \$3000; with the same limit and perpetuity-that regarding the GSR's travel expenses be added to different pamphlets such as Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix (page 7, paragraph 3)(P3).Regarding the service manual under financial support add: Current experience indicates that groups provide financial support for their general service representatives to attend service functions-That the Grapevine and la Vina add a medical section to its monthly publication with an appropriate disclaimer- The pamphlet "Can AA Help Me Too? Subtitled "Black/African Americans Share their Stories be changed to AA for Black and African American Alcoholics-Pamphlet "The AA Member-Medications and Other Drugs" be revised with current experiences and brought back to the 2008 conference f-Print the 3rd Edition of the Spanish Big Book with current guidelines basically the same as our big book guidelines.

#### There were many recommendations too:

1-that the 2007 AA membership survey be conducted by area at random as it was done in 2004 Members Survey.

2-The public service announcement "A Force of Nature" developed by the trustees PI be approved.

3-Continue the Public Service Announcements continue the four year cycle and review in 2008

4-Trustees committees on Public Information develop a video/digital with carrying the message to teenagers.

5-A section on posthumous anonymity be developed and added to pamphlet: Understanding Anonymity (P-47)

6- The words "Young, old, rich, poor. Black, white under the section titled Alcoholism be deleted from the pamphlet "A Message to Teenagers" (F-9).

Free Lunch was enjoyed by all. As District 8 met after this with the sharing session on traditions as there were only written reports turned in except for the chair, alternate chair, we then adjourned by 6:30PM.

No Intergroup or Central Office pamphlet will be developed. Submitted by Joan H

**2. Institutions: Lynda W.** July 1st, 2007 The Institutions committee met as usual on the first Sunday of the month, July 1st at 5:00PM with Orientation for new volunteers at 4:30PM. Today at Orientation there were 12 new volunteers. We currently bring 93 meetings a month into 24 Institutions, Treatment Centers, Detoxes, and Halfway Houses, with all but 3 being chaired at least 2x per month. We continue to need volunteers to join our team as we joyfully carry the A.A. message and ensure our own sobriety. If you need information, please call the Intergroup Office or call Lynda W. @561-308-2488. We would be happy to give a new volunteer a buddy (service sponsor) as each new member is required to speak at 2 meetings with another committee member. We look forward to hearing from you. The Committee needs donations from your group to cover expenses such as Big Books, which cost approximately \$920/month. Please make your checks to "Institutions Committee" and send them to the Intergroup Office. Thank you, we appreciate your support! Submitted by Lynda W.

**3. Office Manager: Beth E.** If you have at least 1 year sobriety and feel a need to be in service; we would like to hear from you. You can volunteer morning or afternoon, weekly or monthly and shifts are only 4 hours. The volunteers answer phones and assist me in the operation of the office. We had 291-AA calls, 5-12 step calls, 35-other, 2- public information calls, 1- institution call, 91- AA emails, and 196 visitors.

**4. Public Information: Will R.**

**5. 12 Step List: Luke**

**6. Phone Volunteer: Nicole R.**

**7. Today: Lynda W.** Everything is going well.

**8. B-day Club/Today: Mandy**

**9. Website Committee: Mark P.**

**10. Group Contact Committee Ann C.**

**Business to be discussed:**

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## Palm Beach County Intergroup Operating Report - 6/01/07 - 6/30/07

Income:	
Literature Sales	\$1,939.25
Sales Tax	\$125.18
Tax Exempt Sales	\$48.40
Group Donations	\$26,400.12
Today Subscriptions	\$15.00
Birthday Club	\$89.00
Intergroup Meeting	\$26.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$28,642.95</b>

Expenses	
Office Salary	\$3,682.85
AT&T (Website/Internet/Long distance)	\$363.16
FPL	\$148.26
Rent/Water	\$430.00
Sales Tax	\$195.39
Payroll Tax (Quarterly)	\$0.00
Unemployment Tax (Quarterly)	\$0.00
Health Insurance (Quarterly)	\$0.00
Alarm Monitoring (Quarterly)	\$0.00
Printing	\$179.00
Literature Purchases	\$2,573.76
Office Expense	\$242.39
Pest Control	\$35.00
Interpreter Services	\$300.00
Plumbing	\$357.05
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,506.86</b>

<b>Monthly Profit/Loss</b>	<b>\$20,136.09</b>
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Checking Account Balance	\$36,644.28
Prudent Reserve Balance	\$19,546.56

## Institutions Committee Treasurer's Report - 6/1/07 - 6/30/07

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$4,483.63</b>
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Income:	
<b>Group Contributions</b>	
After Hours Group	\$147.36
Love, Faith & Life	\$60.00
	<b>\$207.36</b>

Expenses:	
Rent (6/07)	\$50.00
Big Books	\$0.00
Expenses (Printing, etc.)	\$8.50
Bank Charge	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$58.50</b>

<b>Monthly Profit/Loss</b>	<b>\$148.86</b>
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<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$4,632.49</b>
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## Group Donations:

GROUP	JUN	YTD	GROUP	JUN	YTD
AFTER HOURS GROUP	\$ 147.36	\$ 1,485.03	LUNCH BUNCH GROUP (WPB)	\$ -	\$ 1,880.00
ALONG SPIRITUAL LINES	\$ -	\$ 180.00	MAIN PURPOSE GROUP	\$ -	\$ 100.00
ANONYMOUS DONATION	\$ 85.89	\$ 141.25	MCC AS BILL SEES IT	\$ -	\$ 50.00
BEACHCOMBERS BACK TO BASICS	\$ -	\$ 500.00	MEN'S FIFTH TRADITION	\$ -	\$ 75.00
BEACHCOMBERS LUNCH BUNCH	\$ -	\$ 55.00	MEN'S MULLIGAN GROUP	\$ -	\$ 200.00
BETHESDA GROUP	\$ -	\$ 50.00	MID-DAY LIVE GROUP	\$ 4,890.50	\$ 5,140.50
CARDINAL LANE GROUP	\$ -	\$ 160.00	MONDAY NIGHT BEGINNERS	\$ 900.20	\$ 900.20
CHAPTER 9	\$ 811.30	\$ 811.30	MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP	\$ -	\$ 120.00
CONSCIOUS CONTACT	\$ 4,768.20	\$ 4,768.20	MONDAY NITE MEDITATION GROUP	\$ 40.00	\$ 190.00
COURAGE TO CHANGE	\$ 933.60	\$ 933.60	NOON HOUR GROUP	\$ 400.00	\$ 750.00
DAY OPENERS	\$ -	\$ 277.21	OPEN MINDEDNESS	\$ 978.10	\$ 978.10
DESIGN FOR LIVING	\$ -	\$ 90.00	OUR HOPE	\$ -	\$ 90.00
DON'T QUIT MIRACLE HAPPENS (WOM)	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	PRIMARY PURPOSE	\$ -	\$ 660.00
EACH DAY A NEW BEGINNING	\$ -	\$ 421.71	PRIME TIME GROUP	\$ 80.00	\$ 233.00
EBONY GROUP	\$ -	\$ 10.00	PROMISES,PROMISES	\$ -	\$ 100.00
END OF THE ROAD GROUP	\$ -	\$ 250.00	RIGHT TO SOBRIETY	\$ -	\$ 20.65
FREE SPIRITED WOMEN	\$ -	\$ 180.00	RIVER BOTTOM GROUP(FRI)	\$ -	\$ 400.00
FLORIDA GARDENS GROUP	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	ROAD TO FREEDOM	\$ -	\$ 85.00
FLORIDA ROUND-UP	\$ -	\$ 328.50	RULE #62 GROUP	\$ 914.10	\$ 914.10
FRIDAY NIGHT BEGINNERS	\$ 35.00	\$ 115.00	SERENITY ON THE BEACH	\$ -	\$ 140.00
FRIDAY NIGHT STEP	\$ 889.10	\$ 889.10	SINGLENESS OF PURPOSE	\$ -	\$ 1,582.00
FRIENDS OF BILL W.	\$ -	\$ 50.00	SMOKE FREE SOBRIETY	\$ -	\$ 800.00
GOLDCOAST CANDLELIGHT	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	SOBER SISTERS	\$ -	\$ 93.00
GOOD GUYS GROUP	\$ -	\$ 50.00	SOBER SENIORS	\$ 150.00	\$ 695.00
GOOD MORNING GROUP	\$ -	\$ 400.00	SOBRIETY FIRST GROUP	\$ -	\$ 120.00
GOOD ORDERLY DIRECTION	\$ 162.00	\$ 322.00	SOBRIETY IS A BEACH	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
GRATITUDE GROUP	\$ -	\$ 50.00	SPIRIT OF '76 GROUP	\$ -	\$ 75.00
HAPPY HOUR GROUP	\$ -	\$ 240.00	SPIRITUAL AWAKENING	\$ 1,111.42	\$ 1,171.92
HAPPY SOLUTIONS	\$ 4,223.60	\$ 4,223.60	STEP BEYOND	\$ -	\$ 114.00
HARMONY WOMEN'S GROUP	\$ -	\$ 924.00	SUNRISE 12 & 12	\$ -	\$ 75.00
HEART TO HEART MONDAY	\$ -	\$ 115.00	SWEET SERENITY GROUP	\$ -	\$ 105.00
HERE & NOW GROUP	\$ -	\$ 340.00	TELL IT LIKE IT IS	\$ 105.00	\$ 793.00
HIGHER POWER	\$ 872.00	\$ 872.00	THE ISLAND BIG BOOK GROUP	\$ -	\$ 50.00
HIGH NOON GROUP	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00	THE NEW DOWNTOWN GROUP	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
HOOKED ON SOBRIETY	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	THERE IS A SOLUTION	\$ 75.00	\$ 200.00
JUPITER FARMS GROUP	\$ -	\$ 540.00	TIKI HUT BEACH GROUP	\$ -	\$ 500.00
JUPITER GROUP	\$ -	\$ 213.04	TO THE POINT GROUP	\$ -	\$ 150.00
JUPITER INLET MEN'S STEP GROUP	\$ -	\$ 310.00	TWISTED SISTER	\$ -	\$ 25.00
JUPITER SUNRISE GROUP	\$ 373.74	\$ 3,964.97	UNITY BREAKFAST	\$ -	\$ 1,350.00
KIRK ROAD GROUP	\$ 50.00	\$ 175.00	WE ALL HAVE TO START SOMEWHERE	\$ -	\$ 601.64
LADIES' CHOICE	\$ -	\$ 100.00	WEDNESDAY NIGHT WINNERS	\$ -	\$ 50.00
LAKE WORTH GROUP	\$ -	\$ 184.07	WELLINGTON FRIENDSHIP GROUP	\$ -	\$ 60.00
LAKE WORTH SERENITY	\$ -	\$ 692.00	WELLINGTON YOUNG PEOPLE	\$ 644.60	\$ 644.60
LAKESIDE COTTAGE GROUP	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	WESTSIDE GROUP	\$ -	\$ 50.00
LANTANA GROUP	\$ 179.01	\$ 1,079.15	WOMEN'S AWAKENING	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
LIVE & LET LIVE	\$ -	\$ 60.00	WOMEN'S BIG BOOK	\$ 400.10	\$ 400.10
LIVING SOBER GROUP	\$ -	\$ 80.00	WOMEN IN SOBRIETY	\$ -	\$ 100.00
LOGGERHEAD BEACH GROUP	\$ -	\$ 749.00	WOMEN'S STEP MEETING	\$ 311.20	\$ 311.20
LOOK TO THIS DAY	\$ 889.10	\$ 889.10	WOMEN'S FOURTH DIMENSION	\$ -	\$ 60.00
LOVE FAITH & LIFE GROUP	\$ 80.00	\$ 480.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 26,400.12</b>	<b>\$ 53,501.84</b>

## Step Eight

Steps 8 & 9 are concerned with personal relations. First, we take a look backward and try to discover where we are at fault; next we make a vigorous attempt to repair the damage we have done; and third, having thus cleaned away the debris of the past, we consider how, with our newfound knowledge of ourselves, we may develop the best possible relations with every human being we know.

This is a very large order. It is a task we may perform with increasing skill, but never really finish. Learning how to live in the greatest peace, partnership, and brotherhood with all men and women, of whatever description, is a moving and fascinating adventure.

From: *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, page 77



## August is the 8<sup>th</sup> Month, 8<sup>th</sup> Step, 8<sup>th</sup> Tradition...

**Step 8:** "Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all."

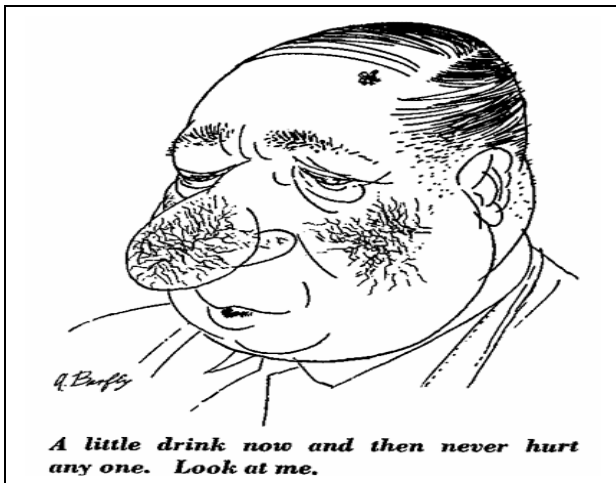
**Tradition 8 (Short Form):** "Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers."

**Tradition 8 (Long Form):** "Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage nonalcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. Twelfth Step work is never to be paid for."

### Search for Motives

“Some of us clung to the claim that when drinking we never hurt anybody but ourselves. Our families didn't suffer, because we always paid the bills and seldom drank at home. Our business associates didn't suffer, because we were usually on the job. Our reputations didn't suffer, because we were certain few knew of our drinking. Those who did would sometimes assure us that, after all, a lively bender was only a good man's fault. What real harm, therefore, had we done? No more, surely than we could easily mend with a few casual apologies.

This attitude, of course, is the end result of purposeful forgetting. It is an attitude which can be changed only by a deep and honest search of our motives and actions.”



**Congratulations !**  
~ *Third Tradition Group* ~  
on the celebration of your  
**28 year Group Anniversary**

ASL Interpreted Meetings are offered:  
Tuesday @ 8:30 pm at the Love, Faith & Life Men's meeting  
- and -  
Thursday @ 8:30 pm at Love, Faith & Life Group  
Good Shepherd United Methodist Church  
2341 South Military Trail, WPB  
If you have any questions contact Intergroup at 655-5700

### The 8<sup>th</sup> Step

In this portion of working through the steps, we are attempting to restore relations with the people we have come across and who have been unfortunate to come across us. As the step reads on the wall it's got two parts:

1. Making a list.
2. Becoming willing to make amends to everyone on the list.

A core principle behind the Eighth Step is preparing ourselves to mend relationships and get ourselves prepared to do our part to repair any hurts we have caused others. Step Eight is our chance to start mending the past. Then we can leave it behind us once and for all. In working the Eighth Step, we were practicing the principles of Love and Forgiveness.

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