



Today

April
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Palm Beach County Intergroup Association

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**Men's Fellowship Group is celebrating
45th Anniversary, April 21st.**

In celebration, a Special "Open" Speaker Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 21st, at 8:00 PM.

This Meeting is at the Church Hall of Grace Episcopal Church, 36th & Australian Ave.

West Palm Beach--ENTRANCE OFF 36th Ave. to 2nd Building on right.

Calls to the Office in March

| | |
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| AA related | 377 |
| Twelve Step calls | 3 |
| Other Programs | 22 |
| Public Information | 4 |
| Institutions | 4 |
| Visitors | 237 |
| AA Emails | 117 |
| Total Activity | 764 |
| Website Unique visitors | 2,012 |
| 1 st time visitors | 1,607 |
| Return visitors | 407 |



BIG BOOK STEP / STUDY WORKSHOP

May 15th & 16th



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

Sponsored by "The Good Morning Group"

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Palm Beach County Intergroup is in need of phone volunteers to help answer the phones... 1 year of sobriety is required. Please call Beth at 561- 655-5700

Service Schedule

4/4- Institutions Committee Mtg. 4:30pm

4/18 -GSR Meeting 5:00pm

4/28- Steering Committee Meeting 6:15pm

5/5- Intergroup Meeting 6:15pm



Groups may announce
Sponsored events in the
Today.

Call the Intergroup Office
655-5700

Intergroup 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.

State of Intergroup

As we enter in to a new decade and your Intergroup Office celebrates its 52nd anniversary, the Officers of Intergroup felt it necessary to inform the groups and the individuals who are members of those groups of our standing and the current state of your Intergroup Office.

Except for our Secretary, the remaining officers were seated in October 2009 when two of the seated officers resigned. (Chair and Treasurer) (Vice Chair was vacant)

Our first task was to do a fearless and thorough financial inventory and report exactly where we stood as an association. As of 12/2009 we owed the IRS a total of \$10,420.85 for Q1 and Q4 2008. We have since paid \$4585.56 for Q1 2008. \$1586.98 of which was penalties and interest. We currently owe the IRS \$5835.29 for withholding tax for Q4 2008. \$1863.05 of which is penalties and interest. We have been doing our best to clear away this wreckage and have kept current with our affairs as not to cause any more financial harm. To briefly explain the whole withholding tax concept; an employer (Intergroup) withhold a certain percentage of its employee's pay and is supposed to send this amount off to the IRS which holds this money in trust until the employee files an income statement and the employee's income taxes are paid to the IRS. Any money held in trust over the income tax paid is refunded to the said employee. This was not done in Q1 or Q4 2008 for various reasons which make little difference at this point in time. *Finger-pointing is not part of the solution.* We have requested leniency for penalties accrued for Q1 2008 from the IRS but have been denied, as leniency was granted numerous times in the past for our former accountant on our behalf. We do intend to make another request for Q4 2008 penalties.

As of 02/28/2010 we were below our \$24,000.00 prudent reserve by roughly \$22,000.00 a figure that would not be that high if we were not dealing with so many past IRS issues. Our operating account contained \$3666.59 but we did show an increase of \$706.70 for 02/2010.

Our 6th Annual Spaghetti Dinner with an Old Timer Speakers Panel was a huge success. With Over 400 people in attendance and the selfless service performed by so many, we are pleased to announce that we raised over \$4,400.00 This is almost triple from our previous year and will be used to pay our taxes from Q4 2008 so as not to continue to incur more interest and penalties.

Another issue we faced was our current lease and if Intergroup should move to a new location. Unbeknownst to us at the time, our current lease is not due to be renewed until July 1, 2011. There was much discussed and new alternate locations were found, but with the news of the lease not ending until 2011, we archived the information and will re-address the issue next year.

Based on information from GSO, writings from Bill W., and contact from Intergroup offices from around the country, our membership voted to allow the Intergroup Book Store to offer non-conference approved literature. We will be sending the group representatives back to their groups with a list of the most popular items to voice their desire as to which of those items we should offer. This, with simple supply and demand, will dictate the selection carried in a separate area clearly marked Non-Conference Approved Literature.

As a body, we are focused on our primary purpose and being of maximum service. We currently have a well seasoned and informed committee working on amending our By-laws to this end and to help us function and to stay focused. As this committee faces this task, we are looking forward to the fruits of the service and presenting them to the membership for their approval.

We are looking into changing the format of the Where and When as the current style is expensive and sold at cost. Due to the cost, we find that with every issue when corrections need to be made by groups relocating, changing their formats, or any other changes, these corrections are not being done until the next issue, and this is leading to much confusion and this affects our commitment to service. We feel it is prudent to look for savings in all areas of our operation without sacrificing service.

The Annual Founder's Day Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 13, 2010 at the John Prince Park and we hope it will be just as much fun, and as successful as the Spaghetti Dinner.

We are currently discussing new and better ways to provide service events for all in our fellowship to participate in. Some of the ideas are a "Traditions Workshop" to be held at the Intergroup office, a 50/50 Raffle, a Unity Breakfast, the Pot Luck Dinner, maybe a 12 Concepts Workshop, someone mentioned Carwash, a Golf Tournament. All of the aforementioned ideas are great but they all require participation from our committee chairs, our reps, and our general membership. As four people we as the Officers are not able to produce these events WE NEED HELP. It is at this time that we are asking for the AA's in Palm beach County to circle the wagons and do what we do best, provide help when needed. We know that our groups are trying to step up contributions and that is greatly appreciated but the help needed must come through fellowship and service, the dollars and cents will follow.

At our monthly meeting on March 3, 2010, the current officers (except for secretary) stood to be of continued service for a full term and were voted in by the membership. We will be welcoming Karen L. as our new secretary and thanking David C. for his long dedicated service as he rotates out.

As our financial amends are made with the IRS for 2008, we can look forward to carrying the message and fulfilling our primary purpose. We look forward to being active and providing more events and activities for those we serve. We are still asking for your support, both through service and through financial contributions. Remember though, you matter more to us than your money and we are here to serve you. Please feel free to come see us, ask questions, give suggestions, and be active in your Intergroup.

Yours in service,
Intergroup Officers

Birthday Club Form



Name _____

Address _____

Sobriety Date ____/____/____

Donation _____

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 and
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.

Intergroup Meeting Minutes for March 3, 2010

Alex A. called the meeting to order at 6:15pm followed by the Serenity prayer and the reading of the 12 Traditions.

Welcome New Representatives: Meredith J. Men's Fifth Tradition, Gary B. Pleasant City Group, Matt J. Big Book Spirited Group, Ed W. Rule #62, Bob M. Gold Coast, Gerry W. Noon Hour Group, Chuck F. Men's Fifth Tradition, Rees H. Tired of the Beating, Matt H. Tired of the Beating 47 Reps Attended...

Vice Chair's Report: Steve Y. – The Spaghetti Dinner is still set for March 13, 2010. We have definitely 16 people set up for the speaker's Panel. Still need volunteers for setting up and breaking down. The pot luck dinner will be held July 31, 2010 at the Finland House.

Secretary's Report: David C. - Motion made accept minutes as printed in the Today. Passed

Treasurer's Report: Henry M. - Our total income for 01/2010 was \$9449.15 with our total expenses being \$12,430.58 for a decrease of \$2981.43 leaving our operating account balance at -\$533.99. We are currently below our \$24,000.00 prudent reserve by 18,703.06. Expenses did increase drastically as a result of an IRS payment for Q3 2008 in the amount of \$2998.58. This amends needed to be made to keep our name clear and also to cease any further penalties from being assessed. Our total income one year ago was \$8779.34 and expenses were \$7050.81. We were \$4263.60 below the prudent reserve at that time. These figures were taken from the 03/2008 Today. We would like to thank all the AA Groups that continue to make contributions to Intergroup. We still ask for your support in these times, any possible increase in contributions is needed and will better help us to serve the AA Groups and the suffering alcoholic in Northern Palm Beach County.

Committee Reports:

1. General Service/Intergroup Liaison: Luiz C. – The focus of this past meeting was on the coming discussion of Area Agenda items that will take place on the next meeting, so there is nothing to report.

2. Office Manager: Beth E. – We have open shifts Mon (9-1), Fri (1-5). Phones are busy.

3. Public Information: Larry M. – Intergroup had an appointment at a Health Fair on the 2nd of March at the Poinciana Country Club. Two volunteers over 55 years of age showed up to speak to the retirement community at the Ballroom in the clubhouse. Pamphlets and Where & When's were available to interested parties. Also I have revisited the Lake Worth Resource Center with 5 speakers. I have made a pdf document for the Sheriffs dept. to be available for print out in the squad cars and give to offenders right on the spot. Should be a good way to get information to underage first time offenders. It is going to be approved by the district before we give it to the Sheriffs dept.

4. 12 Step List: Anthony M. – Absent Unexcused – Removed from office

5. Phone Volunteer: Lisa M. – All permanent positions filled a good amount of back-ups are on the list at this time but not sure all are still desirable and available to serve; anyone wishing to serve as a back-up volunteer are always welcome to sign up. There was a problem with the hotline somewhere between Tues evening, Feb 23rd and the morning of Wed, Feb 24th. The office Manager reported to me in the morning that apparently the calls got dropped somewhere between the overnight shift and the morning 6-10am shift. The calls were not being picked up, they were going to a voice message saying something about it being a long distance call. A Hotline Volunteers' Training/Review Session is scheduled for Sunday, February 28th, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. at the Intergroup Office. It is of the utmost importance that all volunteers, permanent and back-up, plus anyone wanting to sign up for the hotline, attend this session. All existing permanent and back-up volunteers have been notified personally by me (Lisa M), by phone and by email - twice. There are issues pertaining to the Bridge the Gap group and the 12-Step Men & Women. The hotline volunteers need clarity as to what designates a 12-Step call or a BTG call and whether they call a 12-step person, or give the caller-in Babs' number to contact for BTG. (Babs has told me to give BTG callers her number and have them call her directly). Also; there are several volunteers on the 12-Step lists that have BTG beside their name; does this mean that they work on BTG as well as handling 12-Step calls - please clarify and advise.

6. Today: Cheryl L. - Everything with the Today is fine and ready for the printer. Sorry to all groups that were left out of the group donation list this will not happen again. Please notice free literature coupon.

7. B-Day Club/Today: Hugh – 3 Today's and Birthday Club letter were sent out. The Birthday Club envelopes are printed and available. This will be a good fund raiser.

8. Website Committee: Mark P. – Web site is up to date and if you find any correction needed to website please notify Intergroup

9. Group Contact Committee: Debbie. – Excused

10. Bridging the Gap: Babs 10 bridges as of today for Feb. 2010

11. Ad-Hoc Committee for reviewing Intergroup By-Laws: Gary B. - The committee had their first meeting on Feb. 21, 2010. The committee members are David C., Mark P., Susan B., Dorothy T., Nick F., Review of the bylaws revealed that they are incomplete and vague in defining the responsibility of the trusted servants and office manager. We are currently compiling the job descriptions and requirements from current services positions. This will be the foundation that we will work from in developing guide lines for North Palm Beach County Intergroup.

Unfinished Business:

- Potluck- Is scheduled for July 31, 2010
- Elections
 - Slate presented Alex A. Chair, Henry M. Treasurer, Steve Y. Vice Chair, Karen X., Secretary (passed Unanimous) no other people stood for positions.
- Moving Intergroup
 - Lease is not up until June of 2011
 - Sense of the meeting to move 11, to stay 14.
- Archives Survey
 - Please bring back Surveys
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Business Discussed:

- Inventory of Intergroup Sheet
 - Please fill out the inventory sheet for intergroup and bring back this will help us with direction for the next year.

ASL Interpreted Meetings are offered at the following meeting:
Love, Faith & Life Group
Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 2341 South Military Trail
1st & 3rd Thursday @ 8:30pm CD meeting
If you have any Questions Contact Intergroup at
561-655-5700

Founder's Day Picnic

Come and Celebrate 75 Years of AA
Along with Palm Beach County Intergroup

FOOD * FUN * FELLOWSHIP

John Prince Park, Center Pavillion, Lake Worth
Sunday, June 13, 2010. 11:00am – 6:00pm

Donations: \$12.00 (children under 10 free)

A woman, new to A.A., wished to remain anonymous even to her offspring. Instead of laying it out straight for the little ones, she used the excuse that she was "going out to play cards." She went to a lot of meetings, and night after night as she departed she would say cheerfully, "Well, I'm off to my card game." After some months, her 8 year old blurted out as she left, "Is that all you do at A.A meetings, Mommy – play cards?"

Group Contributions:

| | 2010 | YTD | JAN | FEB |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| AFTER HOURS GROUP | \$ | 514.20 | \$ 292.20 | \$ 222.00 |
| AUTEC GROUP | \$ | 100.00 | \$ - | \$ 100.00 |
| DESIGN FOR LIVING | \$ | 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ - |
| DON'T QUIT BEFORE MIRACLE | \$ | 124.00 | \$ - | \$ 124.00 |
| GIFT OF SOBRIETY | \$ | 30.00 | \$ 20.00 | \$ 10.00 |
| GOOD ORDERLY DIRECTION | \$ | 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ - |
| HAPPY HOUR GROUP | \$ | 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ - |
| HARMONY WOMEN'S GROUP | \$ | 510.00 | \$ 510.00 | \$ - |
| HIGH NOON GROUP | \$ | 100.00 | \$ - | \$ 100.00 |
| JUPITER GROUP | \$ | 136.90 | \$ 53.14 | \$ 83.76 |
| JUPITER INLET MEN'S | \$ | 216.00 | \$ - | \$ 216.00 |
| JUPITER SUNRISE GROUP | \$ | 1,353.85 | \$ 630.29 | \$ 723.56 |
| KIRK ROAD GROUP | \$ | 50.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 |
| LADIES CHOICE | \$ | 50.00 | \$ - | \$ 50.00 |
| LADIES STEP FORWARD | \$ | 105.00 | \$ - | \$ 105.00 |
| LANTANA GROUP | \$ | 13.00 | \$ 13.00 | \$ - |
| LOOK TO THIS DAY | \$ | 22.60 | \$ 22.60 | \$ - |
| LOVE, FAITH & LIFE | \$ | 10.00 | \$ 5.00 | \$ 5.00 |
| MAIN PURPOSE | \$ | 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ - |
| MID DAY LIVE | \$ | 500.00 | \$ - | \$ 500.00 |
| MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP | \$ | 72.00 | \$ 72.00 | \$ - |
| NOON HOUR GROUP | \$ | 340.00 | \$ 340.00 | \$ - |
| NORTHWOOD GROUP | \$ | 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ - |
| OCEAN PARK MEETING | \$ | 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ - |
| PRIMARY PUROSE | \$ | 325.00 | \$ 325.00 | \$ - |
| PRIMETIME GROUP | \$ | 160.75 | \$ 74.20 | \$ 86.55 |
| PROMISES PROMISES | \$ | 10.00 | \$ - | \$ 10.00 |
| ROAD TO FREEDOM | \$ | 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ - |
| SATURDAY EVENING RECOVERY | \$ | 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ - |
| SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKER | \$ | 4.45 | \$ - | \$ 4.45 |
| SERENITY ON THE BEACH | \$ | 160.00 | \$ 160.00 | \$ - |
| SISTER'S IN SOBRIETY | \$ | 250.00 | \$ - | \$ 250.00 |
| SMOKE FREE SOBRIETY | \$ | 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ - |
| SPIRIT OF 76 MEN'S | \$ | 216.00 | \$ - | \$ 216.00 |
| SWEET SERENITY | \$ | 125.00 | \$ - | \$ 125.00 |
| TELL IT LIKE IT IS | \$ | 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ - |
| THE NEW DOWNTOWN GROUP | \$ | 300.00 | \$ 200.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| TEQUESTA MEN'S | \$ | 216.00 | \$ - | \$ 216.00 |
| TIKI HUT BEACH MEETING | \$ | 342.64 | \$ - | \$ 342.64 |
| TOTAL | \$ | 8,407.39 | \$ 4,792.43 | \$ 3,614.96 |
| DONATING GROUPS | | | 25 | 22 |

**Palm Beach County Intergroup
Operating Report 2/1/10 – 2/28/10**

Income:

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Literature Sales | \$3,132.60 |
| Sales Tax | \$203.76 |
| Tax Exempt Sales | \$1,016.30 |
| Group Donations | \$3,614.96 |
| Today Membership | \$12.00 |
| Birthday Club | \$33.00 |
| Intergroup Meeting | \$100.75 |
| Spaghetti Dinner | \$600.00 |
| Total Income | \$8,713.37 |

Expenses:

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Office Salary | \$2,431.84 |
| Payroll Tax (Q1 2010) | \$778.00 |
| Paychex (monthly fee) | \$59.00 |
| Unemployment Tax (Quarterly) | \$23.40 |
| Health Insurance (Quarterly) | \$0.00 |
| Rent | \$400.00 |
| Water | \$75.00 |
| AT&T (Internet/Long distance, Advertising) | \$310.38 |
| FPL | \$55.40 |
| Pest Control | \$35.00 |
| Printing | \$755.93 |
| Sales Tax | \$266.65 |
| Literature Purchases | \$2,646.07 |
| Office Expense | \$0.00 |
| Accountant (Year End) | \$170.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$8,006.67 |
| Monthly Profit/Loss | \$706.70 |
| Checking Account Balance | \$3,666.59 |
| Prudent Reserve Balance | \$2,000.07 |

**Palm Beach County Institutions Committee
Operating Report 2/1/10 – 2/28/10**

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$12,269.32 |
| Income Group Contributions: | |
| Love, Life & Faith | 29.58 |
| Smoke Free Sobriety | 19.30 |
| Good Guys Group | 110.00 |
| Noon Hour | 73.00 |
| After Hours | 222.00 |
| Tiki Hut | 86.00 |
| Total Contributions: | 539.88 |
| Bowling for Big Books Income | |
| Total Income: | 539.88 |
| Bank Charges adj to Bank Balance | 111.22 |
| Big Books | 3,890.00 |
| Printing | 16.00 |
| Rent | 60.00 |
| Total Expenses | 4,077.22 |
| Mthly profit/loss | -3,537.34 |
| Ending Balance | 8,737.98 |

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