

Today

February
2010

Palm Beach County Intergroup Association

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6TH ANNUAL OLD TIMERS PANEL & SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, March 13, 2010 at the Finland House.
Located at Dixie Hwy and Central Blvd in Lantana.
Dinner from 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Speakers from 7:30pm - 9:30pm
Dinner tickets are \$12.00. The meeting is Free
Tickets are available through your Intergroup Rep,
or at the Intergroup office. Purchase tickets in
advance are recommended.



BIRTHDAY CLUB

Celebrants in January

Larry M. 21 years
Michele H. 19 years

Celebrants in February

Pamela B. 22 years
Angie S. 3 years

Calls to the Office in

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| AA related | 279 |
| Twelve Step calls | 4 |
| Other Programs | 28 |
| Public Information | 2 |
| Institutions | 3 |
| Visitors | 292 |
| AA Emails | 134 |
| Total Activity | 742 |
| Website Unique visitors | 2,267 |
| 1 st time visitors | 1,832 |
| Return visitors | 435 |



Service Schedule

1/3 - Institutions Committee Mtg. 4:30pm
1/10 - GSR Meeting 5:00pm
2/3 - Intergroup Meeting 6:15pm
1/27 - Steering Committee Meeting 6:15pm

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

Palm Beach County Intergroup
Needs your help identifying your
group's contact person
Please contact
Steve Y. (561)689-4638

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.

Step Two

"Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity"

Tradition Two

"For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern"

Concept II

When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter of their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference---excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or In Article 12 of the Conference Charter---the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.

ASL Interpreted Meetings are offered at the following meeting:

**Love, Faith & Life Group
Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 2341 South Military Trail**

Tuesday @ 8:30pm CD Men's meeting

Thursday @ 8:30pm CD meeting

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

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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.



Send in your caption of what you think is going on in this cartoon and we will publish them next month in the Today... email to: pbciaa@bellsouth.net

Birthday Club Form



Name _____

Address _____

Sobriety Date ___/___/___

Donation _____

Group Donations:

| 2009 | YTD | DEC | LIVING SOBER GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------------------------|----------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| ANONYMOUS | \$ 30.00 | \$ 30.00 | LIVE & LET LIVE | \$ - | \$ - | WEDNESDAY NIGHT WINNERS | \$ 43.53 | \$ 43.53 |
| 11 STEP GROUP | \$ 200.00 | \$200.00 | LOGGERHEAD BEACH GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | WESTERN COMMUNITIES MEN'S | \$ - | \$ - |
| AFTER HOURS GROUP | \$703.51 | \$703.51 | LOOK TO THIS DAY | \$ - | \$ - | WESTSIDE GROUP | \$ - | \$ - |
| BEACHCOMBERS BACK TO BASICS | \$ 200.00 | \$200.00 | LOVE, FAITH & LIFE | \$ 5.00 | \$ 5.00 | WOMEN'S AWAKENING STUDY | \$ - | \$ - |
| BASIC TEXT GROUP | \$ 200.00 | \$200.00 | LUNCH BUNCH | \$ - | \$ - | WOMEN'S FOURTH DIMENSION | \$112.90 | \$ 112.90 |
| BIG BOOK STEP STUDY | \$ - | \$ - | MAKE YOUR BED GROUP | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | WOMEN IN SOBRIETY | \$ - | \$ - |
| CARDINAL LANE | \$ 49.06 | \$ 49.06 | MEN'S FIFTH TRADITION | \$ 75.00 | \$ 75.00 | YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING SOBER | \$ - | \$ - |
| CENTRAL GROUP | \$150.00 | \$150.00 | MEN'S MULLIGAN | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| COME EARLY, STAY LATE | \$ - | \$ - | MEN'S TIRED OF THE BEATING | \$157.00 | \$157.00 | TOTAL | \$ 4,449.59 | \$ 4,449.59 |
| CONSCIOUS CONTACT | \$ - | \$ - | MID DAY LIVE | \$ - | \$ - | DONATING GROUPS | | 26 |
| DAY'S END | \$ - | \$ - | MONDAY NIGHT MEDITATION | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | | | |
| DAY OPENERS | \$ - | \$ - | MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| DESIGN FOR LIVING | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | NOON HOUR GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| DON'T QUICK BEFORE MIRACLE | \$ - | \$ - | NORTHWOOD GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| EACH DAY A NEW BEGINNING | \$ - | \$ - | OCEAN PARK MEETING | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| EXPECT A MIRACLE | \$ - | \$ - | PASS IT ON | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| END OF THE ROAD GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | PRIMARY PUROSE | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| FERN STREET GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | PRIMETIME GROUP | \$ 69.0 | \$ 69.00 | | | |
| FIRST TRADITION | \$ - | \$ - | PROMISE BY CANDLELIGHT | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| FLORIDA ROUND UP | \$ - | \$ - | PROMISES PROMISES | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| FREE SPIRITED WOMEN | \$ 306.50 | \$306.50 | REFLECTIONS GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| FRIDAY NIGHT BEGINNERS | \$ - | \$ - | RIVER BOTTOM GROUP (Fri) | \$521.00 | \$521.00 | | | |
| FRIENDS OF BILL W. | \$ - | \$ - | ROAD TO FREEDOM | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| GARDENS STEP MEETING | \$ - | \$ - | RULE 62 | \$ 20.00 | \$ 20.00 | | | |
| GIFT OF SOBRIETY | \$ - | \$ - | SATURDAY EVENING RECOVERY | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| GOLDCOAST CANDLELIGHT | \$ - | \$ - | SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKER MTG | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| GOOD GUYS GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | SERENITY GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| GOOD MORNING GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | SERENITY ON THE BEACH | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| GOOD NEWS GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | SINGLENESS OF PURPOSE | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| GOOD ORDERLY DIRECTION | \$ - | \$ - | SISTERS IN SOBRIETY | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| HAPPY HOUR GROUP | \$ 360.00 | \$360.00 | SMOKE FREE SOBRIETY | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| HAPPY HOUR @ ST EDWARDS | \$ - | \$ - | SOBER, ALIVE & FREE | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| HAPPY, JOYOUS & FREE | \$ 75.00 | \$ 75.00 | SOBER ON SUNDAY | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| HARMONY WOMEN'S GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | SOBER SENIORS | \$135.00 | \$135.00 | | | |
| HERE AND NOW | \$ - | \$ - | SOBER SISTERS | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| HIGH NOON GROUP | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | SOBRIETY FIRST GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| ISLAND GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | SOBRIETY IS A BEACH | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| JUPITER GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | SPIRIT OF 76 GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| JUPITER FARMS GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | SPIRITUAL AWAKENINGS | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| JUPITER INLET MEN'S GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | SPONSORSHIP GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| JUPITER SUNRISE GROUP | \$ 640.89 | \$640.89 | STEP FORWARD GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| JUST FOR TODAY | \$ - | \$ - | SWEET SERENITY GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| KIRK ROAD GROUP | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | TELL IT LIKE IT IS | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| LADIES CHOICE | \$ - | \$ - | TEQUESTA MEN'S GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| LADIES STEP FORWARD | \$ - | \$ - | THE NEW DOWNTOWN GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| LAKE WORTH GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | THERE IS A SOLUTION | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| LAKE WORTH SERENITY GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | TIKI HUT BEACH GROUP | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| LANTANA GROUP | \$121.20 | \$ 121.20 | TO THE POINT | \$ - | \$ - | | | |

Intergroup Meeting Minutes for January 6, 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: Lewis F -3rd Tradition Group, Lindsey H-Smoke Free Sobriety, Pat F-Happy Hour Group, Martina R –Women’s Awakening,

Secretary’s Report: David C. - Motion made accept minutes as printed in the Today. The question was discussed and agreed that all chairs where to be responsible for providing a written report to the secretary to be incorporated into the minutes. Housekeeping issues dealing with this should be addressed by officers.

Treasurer’s Report: Henry M. Would like to thank all groups and volunteers for serving and supporting our annual Alcothon which netted \$829.53, 248.32 of which was contributed by AA groups who participated in the Alcothon held at the Triangle Club. Our total income for December was \$9914.01, expenses were \$8912.12 for an increase of 1001.89. We are currently below our \$24,000.00 3 month prudent reserve by roughly 18,700.00. Annual contributions have been steadily declining in the past 3 years from 2007 ~ 58,000.00, 2008 ~ 49,713.00, 2009 ~ 47,993.00. Our 2008 payroll tax issues are closer to resolution with the IRS.

Committee Reports:

1. General Service/Intergroup Liaison: Luiz C. – Nothing to report this month.

3. Office Manager: Beth E. – All shift are filled and the office is running smoothly. Office is open again on Saturday staffed by a volunteer.

4. Public Information: Larry M. - PI/CPC has been very busy. I dropped of literature at Palm Beach Count Substance Abuse Coalition, and the Pride DUI School on Congress Blvd. I discovered 2 AA literature racks at the DUI School and will be taking more literature back to them. I have coordinated young AA volunteers for the Feb 3rd Health Fair at the Florida Atlantic University Campus in Abacoa. Also I am putting together a panel of volunteers for a Re Entry Transition Fair on the 29 of January.

5. 12 Step List: Anthony M. – The list is up to date and a copy will be provided to the Phone relay chair.

6. Phone Volunteer: Lisa M. – All permanent positions filled. We have a good amount of back-ups on the list at this time. Calls were dropped on Christmas Day - not passed on to next person by permanent volunteer. Calls were also not picked up on New Year’s Eve Day - by permanent volunteer - back up had to be found to fill in last minute. New Year’s Day calls where not passed on to the correct permanent volunteer. Suggestion made: training, question/answer seminar session be held - 1-2 hours on some Sunday - all permanent + back up volunteers attend. Lisa M willing to conduct the training, details for training sessions to be given at next Steering Committee meeting and to be announced at the next Intergroup Rep meeting

7. Today: Cheryl. – I want to introduce myself to all the Reps. As the new today editor, and I am looking forward to serving you. If there are any events or announcements you would like to be in the Today, send them to the Intergroup office by the 3rd Wednesday of the month, also the Today sill have a “comedy Corner” joke section. People can email AA jokes to the Intergroup office, we will pick one and put it in the today all emails can be sent to pbcciaa@bellsouth.net.

8. B-Day Club/Today: Hugh – Working on prices for new envelopes, Need to get groups opinion and vote on topic, also all Today’s and Birthday Club letter where sent out.

9. Website Committee: Mark P. – No written report was provided to secretary. “Web site is up to date and if you find any correction need to website please notify Intergroup”

10. Group Contact Committee: Steve Y. – No written report was provided to secretary. “So far there is nothing new to report regarding the Group Contact info.”

11. Bridging the Gap: Babs –absent, Bridging the gap is going well totals are as follows 77 bridges in 2008, 17 bridges in the month of December 2009 and 169 total bridges for the year of 2009. As reported last month this position is open if someone would like to stand for it. (Read into the by secretary)

12. Ad-Hoc Committee for reviewing Intergroup By-Laws: Luiz C- Committee will be meeting during January to gather information about by-laws, and bring a suggestion of topics to be discussed by the groups regarding updating ours.

13. Ad-Hoc Committee for reviewing Moving Intergroup Location: Mark- Committee has meet twice to discuss the feasibility of moving Intergroup location and findings are as follows.

- That the \$400 dollar rent is below market value and is in violation of AA Traditions.
- It is feasible that Intergroup move several location where found with squarer footages of 450 to 650 SF at a rent monthly of 400 to 650.
- If we are to renew are lease we should request a fair market values for our rent and request all communication from the landlord be confined to our leasing agreement.

The committee is requesting a “sense of the meeting” to determine which direction the groups would like to focus on, decision must be made by Aprils meeting and as such the committee will bring recommendation to discuss in Februarys meeting and to vote on in March.

Unfinished Business:

- Potluck- Is scheduled for April (Tabled)
- Spaghetti Dinner- Date is set 3/13/2010- Tickets are available at Intergroup.
- Dance- Tabled

Business Discussed:

- Vice Chair stepped down from office, Motion made to suspend the rules and have an election to fill open chair. .(PASSED Unanimously)
- Election to fill vice chair position. Two people stand Steve Y. ELECTED 27 to 6.
- An Ad-Hoc committee from Archives passed out a survey to be filled out by groups. On the location that we store Artifacts of Palm Beach County AA.
- Motion from Ad-Hoc Committee for reviewing Moving Intergroups Location to take “Sense of the meeting” 22 votes for look into new location, 2 votes to stay where we are.
- Motion made to buy 2500 birthday club envelopes at \$250.(PASSED Unanimously)
- Motion made to sell birthday club envelopes at \$10 each.(PASSED 14/4)

**Palm Beach COUNTY INTERGROUP
Operating Report 12/1/09-12/31/09**

Income:

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| Literature Sales | \$3,917.54 |
| Sales Tax | \$255.16 |
| Tax Exempt Sales | \$190.45 |
| Group Donations | \$4,449.59 |
| Today Membership | \$0.00 |
| Birthday Club | \$83.00 |
| Intergroup Meeting | \$80.00 |
| Alcothon | \$938.27 |

Total Income _____ **\$9,914.01**

Expenses:

| | |
|--|------------|
| Office Salary | \$2,399.64 |
| Christmas Bonus | \$500.00 |
| Payroll Tax (Q3 2009) | \$1,500.00 |
| Unemployment Tax (Quarterly) | \$0.00 |
| Health Insurance (Quarterly) | \$0.00 |
| Rent | \$400.00 |
| Water | \$75.00 |
| AT&T (Internet/Long distance, Advertising) | \$308.78 |
| FPL | \$104.43 |
| Pest Control | \$35.00 |
| Printing | \$1,174.90 |
| Today Newsletter | \$93.43 |
| Sales Tax | \$248.78 |
| Literature Purchases | \$1,947.80 |
| Office Expense | \$46.87 |
| Alcothon | \$108.74 |

Total Expenses _____ **\$8,912.12**

Monthly Profit/Loss _____ **\$1,001.89**

Checking Account Balance _____ **\$8,912.12**

Prudent Reserve Balance _____ **\$5,295.39**

**PALM BEACH COUNTY INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE
Operating Report 12/1/09-12/31/09**

Beginning Balance _____ **\$10,488.72**

Income:

Group Contributions

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Monday Night Mens Group | \$59.60 |
| Smoke Free Sobriety | \$25.59 |
| Good Guys Group | \$66.00 |
| Love Faith & Life | \$ 5.00 |
| After Hours Group | \$703.51 |
| Each Day A New Beginning | \$24.00 |
| Day’s End | \$20.00 |
| Anonymous Donations | \$60.00 |

Total Contributions _____ **\$963.70**

Bowling for Big Books Income _____ \$982.00

Total Income _____ **\$1,945.70**

Expenses:

| | |
|-------------|---------|
| Bank Charge | \$60.50 |
| Big Books | \$0.00 |
| Printing | \$0.00 |
| Rent | \$60.00 |

Total Expenses _____ **\$120.50**

Monthly Profit/Loss _____ **\$1,825.20**

Ending Balance _____ **\$12,313.92**

Note: Our Bib Book inventory has been depleted and we will resume regular ordering of books at a cost of \$13.20 per order.