



Today

December

2010

Palm Beach County Intergroup Association

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Have a Blast!

Bowling for Big Books

Sunday December 12, 2010
6:30pm to 9:00pm

Greenacres Bowl
6126 Lake Worth Road
Greenacres, FL

\$20.00 includes all this:
Bowling, Shoe Rental,
Pizza, Soda, Coffee

Supports Intergroup & Institutions

(Tickets at Intergroup Office or from Institutions Committee members)

12 Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.



44th Annual Christmas Alcothon

Held at the Triangle Club
Starting Friday Noon December 24th thru
Saturday Noon December 25th

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| 12:00 - 12:45 PM | - Lunch Bunch |
| 1:00 - 1:45 PM | - Live & Let Live |
| 2:00 - 2:45 PM | - Happy, Joyous & Free |
| 3:00 - 3:45 PM | - Sober on Sunday |
| 4:00 - 4:45 PM | - Just for Today |
| 5:00 - 5:45 PM | - Happy Hour |
| 6:00 - 6:45 PM | - Midday Live |
| 7:00 - 7:45 PM | - After Hours |
| 8:00 - 8:45 PM | - Big Book Spiritual |
| 9:00 - 9:45 PM | - Monday Night Men's |
| 10:00 - 10:45 PM | - Basic Text |
| 11:00 - 11:45 PM | - Smoke Free Sobriety |
| 12:00 - 12:45 AM | - Lantana Group |
| 1:00 - 1:45 AM | - Another Miracle |
| 2:00 - 2:45 AM | - Love, Faith & Life |
| 3:00 - 3:45 AM | - Central Group |
| 4:00 - 4:45 AM | - Cardinal Lane |
| 5:00 - 5:45 AM | - Friends of Bill W |
| 6:00 - 6:45 AM | - Back to Basics |
| 7:00 - 7:45 AM | - Day Openers |
| 8:00 - 8:45 AM | - Day's End |
| 9:00 - 9:45 AM | - Men's Fifth Tradition |
| 10:00 - 10:45 AM | - Good Guys Group |
| 11:00 - 11:45 AM | - Bethesda by the Sea |



Alternates: Somewhere to Turn, Island Group, Lake Worth Serenity

I live by these Steps and get better.
I try to help other alcoholics.



Office Activity in November

- 12 Step Requests - 8
 - Other program info - 40
 - Institutions - 1
 - Request for meeting info - 134
 - Public Information - 0
 - Visitors - 233
 - AA Emails - 21
- Total: 437**



Service Schedule

- 1/16 - GSR Meeting 5:00pm
- 1/5 - Steering Committee Meeting 6:15pm
- 1/2 - Institutions Volunteer Orientation 4:30pm
- 1/2 - Institutions Committee Meeting 5:00pm
- 1/12 Intergroup Meeting 6:15pm

Mark your calendars

Unity Breakfast
January 29, 2011
Finland House

Website Visits in November

- 1st time visits - 1926
- Return visits - 465
- Total Visitors - 2391

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.

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Palm Beach County Intergroup
Operating Report - 11/01/2010 - 11/30/2010



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Revenues:

Literature Sales	\$3,711.65
Sales Tax	240.03
Tax Exempt Sales	62.25
Group Contributions	2,969.81
Bake Sale	285.75
Today Memberships	0.00
Birthday Club Memberships	52.00
Meeting Basket	159.50
(Intergroup: 94.00, Concepts: 65.50)	
Total Revenues:	\$7,480.99

Expenses:

Literature Purchases	\$3,118.66
Sales Tax	189.15
Bake Sale Expenses	64.78
Bylaws Meetings	0.00
Office Salary	2,307.70
Payroll Added	33.47
Paychex(monthly fee)	59.00
IRS Installment Payment Plan	0.00
Rent & Water	475.00
AT&T (Internet, Phone, Website)	308.47
FP&L	119.62
Exterminating	35.00
Printing	140.79
Office Supplies / Postage	205.32
Total Expenses	\$7,111.96

Monthly Surplus / (Deficit) \$369.03

Checking Account Balance \$4,435.48

Prudent Reserve Interest	
Transferred to Prudent Reserve	\$200.00
Prudent Reserve Balance	\$7,541.21

INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE
Operating Report 10/1/10 - 10/31/10

Beginning Balance	\$9,937.75
Income:	
Group Contributions	
Pass it On Men's Group	\$20.00
Good Guys Group	\$50.00
Men's Tell It Like It Is Group	\$500.00
Total Contributions	\$570.00
Big Book Ball Income	\$3,275.00
Total Income	\$3,845.00
Expenses:	
Big Book Ball	\$972.11
Big Books	0.00
Printing	0.00
Rent	\$60.00
Total Expenses	\$12,669.61
Monthly Profit/Loss	\$1,175.39
Ending Balance	\$11,113.14

ARCHIVE WORKSHOP

Open Workshop for AA fellowship to actively participate in the conservation and restoration of the collection of Palm Beach County Archives. Join us at the South Florida Area 15 General Service Assembly hosted by District 8 *Palm Beach County* January 8th, 2011 in Boca at the Marriott, 5150 Town Center Circle. OPEN TO THE FELLOWSHIP WE WILL COME TOGETHER TO SHARE THE COLLECTION, ENJOY OUR HISTORY, RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MEMORABILIA AND THROUGH HANDS ON CONSERVATION METHODS "We are trying to build up extensive records which will be of value to a future historian...". "It is highly important that the factual material be placed in our files in such a way that there can be no substantial distortion... "We want to keep enlarging on this idea for the sake of the full length history to come..."Bill W., 1957.

PLEASE JOIN US IN SERVICE TO OURSELVES AND BRING YOUR SPONSOR AND SPONSSEES!

Claudia M.— District 8 Archives Chair, 561-603-5471

Intergroup Meeting November 10, 2010

Call to Order: 6:17 PM

Serenity Prayer

Read 12 Traditions

Declaration of Unity: This we owe A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives; and the lives of those to come.

Chairperson's Report: Alex A.: I'd like to thank those of you who served on the By-laws committee. Due to the pending motions and the drawings of the Alcothons, I have requested the committee chairs keep their reports to a minimum so the meeting will not be too lengthy. Please remember that all motions must be received at the Intergroup office by the close of business 5pm Dec 7th. The Intergroup motion form can be found on the Intergroup website. Please remember to direct your comments to the chair and refrain from side conversations, so that the meeting goes smoothly.

Welcome New Representatives: Bill/Sobor on Sunday, Charlotte/Sobriety & Thunder
Vice Chair's Report: Steve Y.: Christmas Eve Alcothon will be held at the Triangle club while the New Years Eve Alcothon will be held in the meeting room at the Intergroup office. Just a reminder, Jan. 29th will be the Unity breakfast, (Palm Beach County and South County) Intergroup will host the event at the Finland House. Tickets will be \$8 and the event is between 8:30am until 11:45am.

Treasurer's Report: Henry M.: Our total revenue for October 2010 was \$5,991.97 with expenses being \$7,392.69 leaving us with a deficit of (\$1,400.72). Our Operating Account balance was \$4,266.45 as of October 31. We transferred \$200.00 into The Prudent Reserve making that balance \$7,340.90 leaving us below our current \$22,000.00 Prudent Reserve figure by \$14,659.10. We have made what should be our last payment for Q4 2008 Payroll Tax to the IRS in the amount of \$768.84, there may be a small outstanding balance due, but this would be very minimal...if anything is due at all. October 2010 was the first month since April of this year that we've shown a deficit rather than an increase for a given monthly period and we appreciate the diligence and generosity that our groups have shown this year. Our year to date figures show that we are on track revenue-wise and expenses have been lowered drastically despite large payouts to the IRS for 2008's Payroll Taxes. There is no need to be alarmed over this past month's deficit. In October 2009 our revenue was \$10,292.91 with expenses being \$9,841.90 leaving us with a \$451.01 surplus. Our group contributions for October 2009 were \$5,559.49 and in October 2010 contributions were \$2,244.19 showing a decrease of (\$3,315.30). I believe that the drastic difference in revenue and group contributions from last year to this year was partially caused by the publication of our poor financial situation at that time with the "We've Run Out of Money" headline that was published in our newsletter for September of 2009, which caused much interest and also greater contributions to be received in October 2009. Once again we would like to thank all of the groups for your participation and support both then and now.

Pass Baskets

Secretary's Report: Karen L.: Accepted as posted in the Today.

Office Manager's Report: Ed B.: We will have an Office Volunteer for Wednesday & Friday from 9 AM - 1 PM from November 24th to January 5th if you're interested please call the Intergroup Office: 655-5700. We received two requests from local churches with rooms available for use by AA Groups. Call the Intergroup Office for details. Right now our inventory of "Where & When's" is 1,807. Please keep this in mind when scheduling the next printing of the meeting lists. The total office activity for October was 488 compared to 723 last year which is a decline of 235. Most of the decline was in the following areas: calls for meeting information, visitors and emails. Website visits for October were 2,208 compared to 1,760 visits a year ago. This is an increase of 448 visits. It appears the use of the online meeting list and website information is becoming very popular. The Intergroup Office hours are Monday to Friday 9 - 5, and Saturday 9:30 - 1:30. This Saturday at 3:00 PM we have a Concepts Workshop. And next Saturday from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM we will have an Open House & Bake Sale. Flyers are on the table & there will more announcements tonight.

General Service/ Intergroup Liaison: Larry M.: Only got half way through the elections, will continue at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

- 1. Public Information: Martina R.:** Pamphlets to Pride. Trying to speak to Concierge at hotels to give meeting lists. Had a breakfast invite for Dec 1st.
- 2. 12 Step List: Nick F.:** All good. Still in need of Spanish & Creole speaking volunteers.
- 3. Phone Volunteer: Lulz C.:** Everything smooth. No issues with forwarding phones. Need volunteers for Sat 1-5, just the first 4, not the 5th. Also from 5-8 on Sat.
- 4. Today: Mark P.:** October edition looked great.
- 5. B-day Club/Today Subscription: Pat D.:** 0 new B-days & 2 renewals.
- 6. Website Committee: Larry M.:** No report.
- 7. Group Contact Committee: Hugh:** No report.
- 8. Bridging the Gap: Ashley N.:** We had 12 bridges for the month of October. 9 of which stayed which is unusual. The brochures are ready.
- 9. Where and When Committee: Meredith:** Please put any changes on the website. Looking forward to working with Hugh. Could use some help with the committee.
- 10. Institutions: Wendy S.:** Your Institutions Committee currently brings 108 meetings a week to 36 facilities, we had 19 new volunteers join in the month of November. There are still plenty of opportunities for all interested in this rewarding service work. We will resume taking meetings to the Stockade and particularly need volunteers who are willing to go through the clearance process and take meetings into the county jail and state prisons. Our annual Big Book Ball on October 30th was a huge success and we wish to thank all of those who volunteered and attended the event. If you are interested in joining the Institutions Committee, plan to attend our regular meeting at the Triangle Club on Sunday, December 5th, orientation for new volunteers is at 4:30 pm followed by the full committee meeting at 5:00pm. New volunteers need to have six months of continuous sobriety and observe 2 meetings in facilities prior to active service. Hope to see you at our general meeting.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Motion to create service position for Intergroup Liaison. Gary B. elected. Motion to have Dec 24th-25th Alcothon @ Triangle Club. Passed 36 for, 3 against & 1 abstained. Drawings of groups for time slots for both Alcothon. Dec 24-25th & Dec 31st-Jan 1st. All slots accounted for with back-ups.

Upcoming Events: Unity Breakfast- January 29, 2011 @ Finland House.



12 Tips on Keeping Your Holiday Season Sober and Joyous



Holiday parties without liquid spirits may still seem like a dreary prospect to new AAs. But many of us have enjoyed the happiest holidays of our lives sober—an idea we would never have dreamed of, wanted, believed possible when drinking. Here are some tips for having an all around-ball without having a drop of alcohol.

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1 Line up extra A.A. activities for the holiday season. Arrange to take newcomers to meetings, answer the phones at a clubhouse or central office, speak, help with dishes, or visit the alcoholic ward at a hospital.



2 Be host to A.A. friends, especially newcomers. If you don't have a place where you can throw a formal party, take one person to a diner and spring for the coffee.



3 Keep your A.A. telephone list with you all the time. If a drinking urge or panic comes—postpone everything else until you've called an A.A.



4 Find out about the special holiday parties, meetings, or other celebrations

given by groups in your area, and go. If you're timid, take someone newer than you are.



5 Skip any drinking occasion you are nervous about. Remember how clever you were at excuses when drinking? Now put the talent to good use. No office party is as important as saving your life.



6 If you have to go to a drinking party and can't take an A.A. with you, keep some candy handy.



7 Don't think you have to stay late. Plan in advance an "important date" you have to keep.



8 Worship in your own way.



9 Don't sit around brooding. Catch up on those books, museums, walks, and letters.



10 Don't start now getting worked up about all those holiday temptations. Remember—"one day at a time."



11 Enjoy the true beauty of holiday love and joy. Maybe you cannot give material gifts—but this year, you can give love.



12 "Having had a . . ." No need to spell out the Twelfth Step here, since you already know it.

Palm Beach Count Intergroup New Year's Alcothon

Held at the PBC Intergroup Office
Starting Friday Noon December 31st thru
Saturday Noon January 1st



- 12:00 - 12:45 PM - Love, Faith & Life
- 1:00 - 1:45 PM - Fern Street
- 2:00 - 2:45 PM - Happy Hour
- 3:00 - 3:45 PM - Lantana Group
- 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Monday Night Men's
- 5:00 - 5:45 PM - After Hours
- 6:00 - 6:45 PM - Big Book Spiritual
- 7:00 - 7:45 PM - Happy, Joyous & Free
- 8:00 - 8:45 PM - Friends of Bill W
- 9:00 - 9:45 PM - Somewhere to Turn
- 10:00 - 10:45 PM - Good Guys Group
- 11:00 - 11:45 PM - Day's End
- 12:00 - 12:45 AM - Sobriety & Thunder

- 1:00 - 1:45 AM - Lake Worth Serenity
- 2:00 - 2:45 AM - Men's Fifth Tradition
- 3:00 - 3:45 AM - Just for Today
- 4:00 - 4:45 AM - Cardinal Lane
- 5:00 - 5:45 AM - Midday Live
- 6:00 - 6:45 AM - Basic Text
- 7:00 - 7:45 AM - Day Openers
- 8:00 - 8:45 AM - Island Group
- 9:00 - 9:45 AM - Women's Awakening
- 10:00 - 10:45 AM - Sober on Sunday
- 11:00 - 11:45 AM - Central Group
- Noon - 12:45 PM - Back to Basics BB
- Alternates: Sobriety & Thunder, Bethesda by the Sea, Monday Night Men's



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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SOBRIETY DATE: ____/____/____



BIRTHDAY CLUB

★ November Celebrants ★

Babs B	30 years	Terry C	5 years
Leroy H	23 years	Pat D	3 years
Ray F	16 years	Sheran F	2 years

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Tradition 12:
Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to put principles over personalities

Meeting Dept.

New Meetings:

Old-timers Group, Monday, 12:00 Noon, OD (open discussion,) Club Oasis, 10859 Prosperity Farms Road, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410
Happy Hour Meeting, Saturday, 3:30 PM, OD, Club Oasis, 10859 Prosperity Farms Road, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Patience, Love & Tolerance, Sunday, 7:30 PM OD BB, (open discussion Big Book,) Mary Mother of the Light, 4891 Lake Worth Road, Green Acres, FL 3346

Back to the Book, Saturday, 7:00 PM, BB, St Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1925 Birkdale Drive, Wellington, FL

Serenity on the Beach, Saturday, 7:00 PM, OD, Lantana Beach, North Side of Public Beach.

Epiphany By The Sea, Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 7:00 AM, OD, Lake Worth Pier, Lake Worth, FL

Newcomers Welcome Home, Friday, 6:00 PM, OD, The Triangle Club, 1369 Okeechobee Road, WPB, FL 33401

Afternoon Delight, Wednesday, 2:30 PM, OD, The Triangle Club, 1369 Okeechobee Road, WPB, FL 33401

12 Step Spiritual Promises, (Women's) Saturday, 9:00 AM, OD SS, Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1300 S Olive, WPB, FL 33401

Meeting Changes:

Shell Seekers Group, Tuesday & Thursday, 12:00 Noon, ODW (open discussion women's,) American Legion Post 271, 775 N US Highway 1, Jupiter, FL & Thursday, 12:00 Noon. **Meeting Cancelled.**

Promises, Promises, Wednesday, 5:30 PM CD SS, Easy Does It Club, 2677 Forest Hill Blvd #108, WPB, FL 33406. **Meeting Closed.**

Women in Recovery, Wednesday, 5:30 PM, CD BB, 450 Club, 450 Northlake Blvd, NPB, FL 33408. **Meeting Closed.**

Friday Night Beginners, Friday, 8:30 PM, OSD, Hanley Resource Center, 933 45th Street, WPB, FL, **Meeting Closed**

Sober, Alive & Free, Friday, 8:30 PM, CD (closed discussion,) St Mark's Episcopal Church, Room #308, 3395 Burns Road, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. **Meeting Time is now 7:00 PM.**

Women Seeking the Truth Group, Monday 7:30 PM OD BB SS, (open discussion Big Book / Step meeting,) St John's Lutheran Church, 241 Cypress Dr, Lake Park, FL. **Moved to: 7:00 PM at Calvary United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 301 1st Ave S, Lake Worth, FL 33460.**

Love, Faith & Life, New schedule effective 11/01/2010: Monday, 8:00 PM, OD, "As Bill Sees It," Tuesday, 8:00 PM, CD, Men's & OD, Women's, Thursday, 8:00 PM, OD, Beginner, CD, (ASL Interpreted,) & CD SS. Saturday 7:00 PM (no change,) CD BB, last Sat, OS.

Another Miracle, Thursday, 7:00 PM, Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1300 S Olive Ave, WPB, FL. **Meeting format changed to Big Book Meeting.**

Make Way For The New Guy, Friday, 7:30 PM, OD, Palms West Hospital, 1st Floor, Classroom 1, 13001 Southern Blvd. **Is now: Make Way For The Beginner, Friday, 8:00 PM, OD, Jesus Our Savior, 13771 Okeechobee Blvd.**

Rude Awakening, 450 Northlake Blvd, North Palm Beach, FL. **Has made the following changes: All meetings are 6:30 AM & OD, Mon: Step Meeting, Tue: Step Workshop, Wed: BB, Thu: Beginner, Fri: Speaker.**

Men's Big Book, Tuesday, 7:00 PM, OD, 450 Club, 450 Northlake Blvd, NPB, FL 33408. **Is Now: Thursday 7:00 PM.**

Women Seeking the Truth, Mon, 7:30 PM, OD, BB, SS, St John's Lutheran Church, 241 Cypress Dr., Lake Park, FL. **Has moved to: Mon, 7:00 PM, Calvary United Methodist Church, Corner of 1st Ave S and Federal, Lake Worth, FL.**

Singleness of Purpose, Tue & Thu, 8:00 PM, CD, SS, BB, First United Presbyterian church, 482 Tequesta Drive, Tequesta, FL. **Now meets at 7:30 PM.**

Expect A Miracle, Sun, 7:00 PM, OD, (3rd Step & 12th Step,) Unity Church, 1957 S Flagler Dr., WPB. **Is now: Steps 1, 2, 3, Open Discussion**

Meeting Corrections:

Bethesda Group, Tuesday, 6:30 PM, OS (open speaker,) Bethesda by the Sea Episcopal Church, 141 S County Road, Palm Beach, FL. **Meeting Time is 8:30 PM.**

Heart to Heart Group, Saturday, 8:00 PM, OD, American Legion Post #271, 775 N us Highway 1, Jupiter, FL. **Meets at: Christ the King Lutheran Church, 46 Willow RD, Tequesta, FL 33409**

Monday Night Riverbottom Group, Monday, 8:00 PM, OD, First United Presbyterian Church, 482 Tequesta Drive, Tequesta, FL. **Meeting Time is 7:30 PM.**