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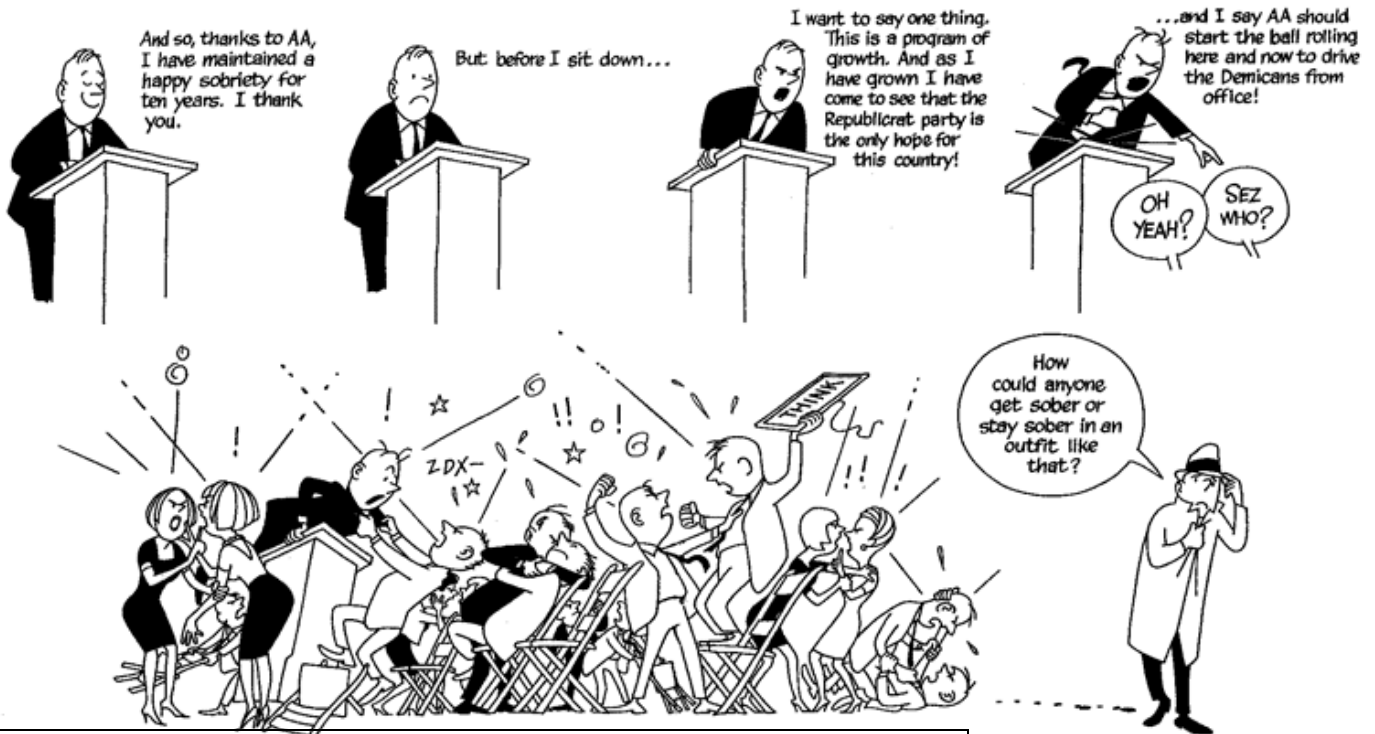
October

2010

Palm Beach County Intergroup Association

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*Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.*



### Step 10

**Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong we promptly admitted it**

Finally we begin to see that all people, including ourselves, are to some extent emotionally ill as well as frequently wrong, and then we approach true tolerance and see what real love for our fellows actually means. It will become more and more evident as we go forward that it is pointless to become angry, or to get hurt by people, who, like us, are suffering from the pains of growing up.

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### Office Activity in September

- Requests for meeting info - 173
- 12 Step Requests - 1
- Other program info - 30
- Institutions - 0
- Public Information - 1
- Visitors - 206
- AA Emails - 17
- Total: 428**

### Website Visits in September

- 1st time visits - 1681
- Return visits - 376
- Total Visitors - 2,057**

### Concepts Panel

November 13th  
2:30-4:30

Intergroup  
Office.



### Service Schedule

11/14 - GSR Meeting 5:00pm  
11/3 - Steering Committee Meeting 6:15pm  
11/7 - Institutions Volunteer Orientation 4:30pm  
11/7 - Institutions Committee Meeting 5:00pm  
11/10 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 September 8th, 2010**

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

**Vice Chair's Report: Steve Y.** September 18<sup>th</sup>: 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Intergroup Potluck Dinner @ Finland House, 301 Central Blvd, Lantana, FL 33462. Dinner starts @ 6pm and speaker @ 7:45pm. Tickets are \$8 and please bring a covered dish. Guest speaker: Don P. from Naples, FL We are waiting a vote from the groups to see if they want to participate in this year's alcathons: Christmas Eve and New Years Eve, to be held at the Intergroup meeting room.

**Secretary's Report: Karen L.** - Absent

**Treasurer's Report: Henry M.** - Our monthly revenue for August 2010 was **\$8,420.70** with expenses being **\$7,489.09** leaving us with a surplus of **\$931.61** and a balance of **\$5,786.03** in our Operating Account. We were able to transfer **\$500.00** to The Prudent Reserve bringing our balance to **\$5,107.47**, still **\$18,892.53** below the **\$24,000.00** mark. In regards to our income, we have shown an increase each month since May 2010; this has been achieved only through prudence, service and the much appreciated support of the groups we serve. Group contributions were up **\$1,278.72** in comparison to August 2009. We would also like to extend a special "Thank You" to the AA members that contributed at the Memorial Service for Bob W. aka (Make Your Bed Bob), those contributions were forwarded to Intergroup. Our expenses have remained typical with the exception of **\$1,749.51** which is part of the cost to fund our Annual Potluck Supper. We have also sent another **\$500.00** to our friends at the IRS leaving our Payroll Tax Debt for Q4 2008 at roughly **\$1200.00**. Our revenue for August 2009 was **\$5,258.01** with expenses being **\$9,859.89** leaving a deficit of **(\$4,601.88)**. Lower group contributions and much greater payroll expenses including payroll tax liability were the main cause of this deficit. Our Prudent Reserve balance was **\$8,891.84** at that time.

**Committee Reports:**

**1. General Service/Intergroup Liaison: Larry M.** The only thing that passed was a motion by the Archives Committee which gave an amount not to exceed \$650.00 to send two individuals to the Archives workshop in Macon Georgia. This covers gas and room. Dave D and Sherwin are going with a possibility of our former delegate Pat.

**2. Office Manager: Ed Bednarz:** - All of the Office Volunteer shifts are currently filled, but we could always use back up volunteers, as people come and go. Volunteers sell literature, answer the phone and assist with any special projects. If you decide to volunteer you can bring your laptop. We have a wireless router so you will have free Internet access. The total office activity for August was 410 compared to 589 last year. Most of the decline in activity was in the areas of calls & emails for meeting information. Website visits for August were 1,991 compared to 1,647 visits a year ago. This is an increase of 344 visits. It would seem that the use of the online Meeting List and website information is becoming more popular. Despite the extremely hot weather and slow summer activity, we had a surplus of \$931.61. The Office hours are Monday to Friday 9 - 5, and Saturday 9:30 - 1:30. We have plenty of "Where & When's" for sale, as well as Conference Approved literature and pamphlets. If you would like to volunteer at the office, please call the Intergroup Office at 655-5700.

**3. Public Information: Martina R.** - no report

**4. 12 Step List: Nick F.** In August, I stated a need for women volunteers, who could make 12 step calls. At the September rep. meeting, a sign up sheet of 14 volunteers from the Free Spirited Women's group of PB.Gardens was given to me. Thank you ladies. The list will be updated. A need continues for Spanish and Creole speaking volunteers. I plan to be at the Potluck diner, with all the Committee Chairpersons.

**5. Phone Volunteer: - Luiz C.** - All positions are filled, and the back-up volunteers are being active on helping cover shifts on holidays and vacations. I would like to thank all volunteers for their service and help. If anyone have questions or would like to join us on this great way to serve our fellowship, please contact me by phone (561 8275168) or e-mail (scimitar2127@hotmail.com) with the subject "phones".

**6. Today: Mark P-** In this issue I posted the July and August operating reports. This will keep the members more up to date with our finances. A reference to the new proposed by-laws is posted on the front page as well as an advertisement for the Friends of Bill W. Potluck Dinner.

**8-Day Club/Today: Pat D.** - There was only 1 new member for the month of August. 0 for Todays.

**8. Website Committee: Larry M.** - Uploaded proposed By-Laws and created links to it on Home Page and edited the services page. Edited home page.

**9. Group Contact Committee: Hugh H.** - Going to meetings, updating info and adding e-mail info

**10. Bridging the Gap: Ashley N.** - 7 Bridges for August. We need new brochures to be printed with the changes made and then we need to distribute to H&I.

**11. Institution Committee: Wendy** - Your Institutions Committee currently brings 108 meetings a week to 36 facilities, we had 16 new volunteers join in the month of September. There are still plenty of opportunities for all interested in this rewarding service work. We particularly need volunteers who are willing to go through the clearance process and take meetings into the county jail and state prisons. Plan to attend our regular meeting at the Triangle Club on Sunday, October 3rd, orientation 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.

**12. Where & When Committee: Meredith-** Absent

**Ad-Hoc Committee for reviewing Intergroup By-Laws: Gary B.** - Nothing to report

**Unfinished Business:**

Potluck Dinner- September 18<sup>th</sup>- Finland House. Tickets on sale for \$8.

Bake Sale/Open House-November 20th 2010

Unity Breakfast -January 2011- Trying to get w/ South County

Concepts Panel- Traditions Chair for the district. Henry M. volunteered to help

**Business Discussed:**

Alcathon- December 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> - January 1<sup>st</sup>. Reps will bring back to groups to see if they want to participate. Slots will be drawn in November.

Written Motion submitted by Monday Night Men's Group to accept proposed Bylaws as written with stipulations to hold 3 outside informative meetings to inform Groups and gather informed Group Consensus. To allow Groups to review Bylaws and submit any corrective motions to Intergroup by December meeting, with final ratification and vote to be held at the January 2011 Meeting. Motion Seconded by Third Tradition Group. Voted with 17 in favor, 3 against, 3 abstained. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn and passed at 7:20pm

Closed with Lord's Prayer

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## Palm Beach County Intergroup Operating Report - 09/01/2010 - 09/30/2010

Revenues:	
Literature Sales	\$3,376.81
Sales Tax	218.62
Tax Exempt Sales	45.35
Group Contributions	3,480.76
Potluck Dinner Tickets	1,819.00
Potluck: Raffle / Soda / Basket	679.00
Today Memberships	6.00
Birthday Club Memberships	103.00
Meeting Basket	51.00
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>\$9,779.54</b>

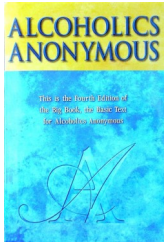
Expenses:	
Literature Purchases	\$2,296.29
Sales Tax	235.60
Potluck Dinner Expenses	668.90
Office Salary	2,307.68
FICA & Unemployment Tax	33.46
Paychex(monthly fee)	59.00
Health Insurance (annual)	-
IRS Installment Payment Plan	500.00
Form 990EZ Tax Preparation	250.00
Repairs & Maintenance	-
Rent & Water	475.00
AT&T (Internet, Phone, Website)	313.13
FP&L	119.32
Exterminating	35.00
Printing	120.59
Alarm Permit	25.00
Office Supplies / Postage	259.43
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,698.40</b>

<b>Monthly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$2,081.14</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>\$5,867.17</b>
Prudent Reserve Interest	0.20
Transferred to Prudent Reserve	2,000.00
<b>Prudent Reserve Balance</b>	<b>\$7,140.67</b>

### INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE Operating Report 9/1/10-9/31/10

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$10894.65</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
<b>Group Contributions</b>	
Days End Group	\$90.00
Monday Night Men's Group	\$24.60
After Hours Group	\$254.03
Each Day A New Beginning	\$24.00
Sobriety & Thunder	\$20.00
Love Faith & Life	\$5.00
Men's Tell It Like It Is Group	\$500.00
Free Spirited Women	\$80.67
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$998.30</b>
Big Book Ball Income	\$200.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1198.30</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Big Books	\$1495.00
Printing	\$0.00
Rent	\$60.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,655.20</b>
<b>Monthly Profit/Loss</b>	<b>-\$456.90</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$10,437.75</b>

# BIG BOOK BALL



## HALLOWEEN Party!

**Saturday, October 30th**  
at the Triangle Club

**Lite Fare 7pm to 9pm,**  
**Dancing til ???**

Join Us for Great Food, Fun & Fellowship Help Support Your Institutions Committee Whose Dedicated Volunteers Bring 100's of Meetings To Rehabs, Jails & Hospitals Each Month

**Admission**  
Lite Fare & Dancing: \$10  
(By advance ticket purchase only)  
Dancing & Fun: 1 soft covered Big Book or \$10 at the door



(See an Institutions Committee member Or call 561-655-5700 for tickets.) (If you have a Business; please donate a service to our Auction, call Chris@ 714-2111)

## Intergroup's **Bake Sale & Open House**

Join us at Palm Beach County Intergroup on

**Saturday, November 20th**

from 10am to 3pm to see our new look and taste some goodies!

Enter your Best Bakery item Contest!

Submit your best Pie, Cake, Cookie, Cup-Cake, or Misc. Bakery Item.

Win prizes for best in each category and best over all!

(All contest items must be submitted between 8:30am-9:30am)

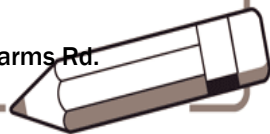
Prizes posted at Intergroup  
Contact the Intergroup  
Office for further details.



## By-Laws Review Workshop

October 16th 1:30  
Easy Does It Club, 2677 Forest Hill Blvd.

October 23rd 1:30  
Oasis Club, 10895 Prosperity Farms Rd.



## ARCHIVE WORKSHOP

THE FIRST ARCHIVE WORKSHOP WILL COMMENCE ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2010, 1:30-3:30 PM. LOCATED FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE NORTH COUNTY INTERGROUP OFFICE AND IN THE UPCOMING MONTHS CONTINUE AT THE SOUTH COUNTY INTERGROUP OFFICE. 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 SPONSEES!



## *Palm Beach County Intergroup Association*

### Service Opportunities Available

**Phone Volunteer Committee:** Volunteers are needed to answer calls to the Intergroup Office when the office is closed at night and weekends. Backup volunteers are always needed. Calls would be forwarded to your home or cell phone during the time slot of your choice. You then would forward these calls to available volunteers on the 12th Step List or simply answer questions about meeting times and locations.

**The 12th Step List** is also in need of volunteers to answer 12 Step calls which come into the office; six months of sobriety is required. Please consider being involved in this very crucial form of AA service. We are also in need of Spanish and Creole speaking volunteers. For more information or to volunteer

## ◆ BRIDGING THE GAP ◆

### A TEMPORARY CONTACT PROGRAM

If you are in a correctional/treatment facility, give us a call.

Getting back into "real world" is not always easy for the alcoholic. Many of us had not been sober on the outside for a long time, and we admitted that the first days out were a little frightening. Sometimes, we did not know if we would stay sober. Even new members of A.A. usually know that they cannot make it alone. The dilemma for some us was that we were not sure we could make it in A.A. either. We said things like, "where will I find a meeting I can be comfortable in?" or "Who will be able to trust?" It was tempting to give in to "I won't fit in", or "I'm too different." Lots of alcoholics think like this; **we did.**

To begin contact and request help from A.A. volunteers, call the following number. You will be put in touch with the Bridging the Gap coordinator and a volunteer will contact you.

**(561)655-5700**

## Christmas and New Years Alcothon

Drawing for Meeting times to be held at the November 10th Intergroup meeting.

## JOIN THE BIRTHDAY CLUB!

Celebrate your years of recovery  
by giving a little something back!

You get:  
Bill & Bob Medallion,  
Birthday Flyer  
Name in TODAY newsletter

Complete this form and mail to:

Birthday Club, 1371 Okeechobee Road, WPB FL 33401

Or email us at: pbciaa@bellsouth.net.

**\$1 per year of sobriety is the suggested donation.**  
(Feel free to give more!)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SOBRIETY DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



## BIRTHDAY CLUB

### ★ October Celebrants ★

Helen O	24 yrs	Greg F	5 yrs
Jorge A	16 yrs	Ashley N	3 yrs
Joanne R	11 yrs	Jay S	2 yrs
David C	8 yrs		

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## Meeting Dept.

**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.

### 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.**

**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**, Thursday, 8:30 PM, CD, Good Shepherd Methodist Church, 2341 S Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL. **Has an ASL Interpreter every Thursday.**

**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.**

**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.**

### 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.**

## 22ND ANNUAL SPBC INTER-GROUPS'S GRATITUDE DINNER

The 22nd Annual South Palm Beach County Intergroup Gratitude Dinner will be held on Friday, November 19th, 2010 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm at the Embassy Suites, 661 NW 53 Street, Boca Raton.

