



The

Today

Palm Beach County Intergroup Association



*August
2011*

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September

17th

6pm - 9pm

Finland House

301 Central Blvd

Lantana, FL

PBC Intergroup
35th Annual
Pot Luck
Dinner



Tickets Only

\$8.00

Please Bring

Covered Dish

Special Guest

Speaker

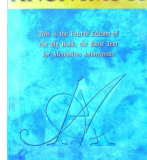


Saturday, August 27th

6:30pm - 9pm

Bowling for Big Books

ALCOHOLICS
ANONYMOUS



Greenacres Bowl - 6126 Lake Worth Rd

Tickets Only \$20 - Includes Food, Shoes, & Bowling

Free Speaker meeting after Bowling !

Hosted by Intergroup & Institutions Committee

Big Book Study Workshop Sat. & Sun.

Sept. 17th - 18th

8:30am - 4:30pm

@ Triangle Club in the
Serenity Room

Hosted by the Good
Morning Group.

For More Info. Contact
Ann @ 772.672.1230

Traditions & Concepts Panel & Skit

Hosted by District 8
Traditions Committee.

We will come to your
Group and provide a
Traditions or Concepts
Panel or Skit. Please
contact Pam @
561.319.8011

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

Intergroup Meeting July 13th, 2011

Call to Order: 6:19pm

Number in Attendance: 48

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: Steve Y. : Just a reminder: All committee reports shall be submitted to the Intergroup Secretary prior to the rep. (business) meeting, or within 24 hours after the rep. (business) meeting. Any and all motions may be placed on the next month's Intergroup agenda within 7 days following the rep. (business) meeting by submitting it to the Intergroup chairperson. Seven days after the rep. (business) meeting, the chairperson will close out the agenda and forward it to the secretary for inclusion in the minutes. The secretary will have 48 hours to forward the final version of the minutes back to the chairperson for review. The chairperson will approve or amend the minutes within 24 hours and then return them to the secretary who will then forward them to the registrar for distribution. The registrar will then have 24 hours to electronically e-mail the minutes to the intergroup representatives. To our reps., please make sure you have filled out the form with your home group name and pertinent info, and hand it to the registrar before leaving the rep. (business) meeting today. We have 2 positions that have been vacated and are now currently open. I would like to thank Nancy J. for serving as the 12 Step committee chair. Second, I would like to thank Henry M. for serving these past 2 years as treasurer. He went beyond the call and helped Intergroup in many ways; his service will be greatly missed.

Welcome New Representatives: Barry B./ End of the Road Group; Nikki P./ Love Faith and Life Group; Michael T./ Good Morning Group; Bonnie M./ Bill and Bob Group; Tiffany G./ Getting Started group; Pat D./ Step Forward Group; Katie C./ Gratitude Group; Cody H./ Lake Worth Group; Ed W./ Getting Started Group; James S./ SPBCY (Liaison); John C./ Men's Fifth Tradition Group (Alternate); Matt S./ Day Opener's Group; Jason W./ Tired of the Beating Men's Group; Helen B./ Leaves of Gold Group; Wesley A./ Fern Street Group; Karen R./ Happy Hour Group.

Vice Chair's Report: Leroy H.: We would like to thank the Groups, and all those who showed up to make our Founder's Day Picnic a success. Furthermore, we would also like to thank all those who volunteered for setting up, cooking, serving, and everything else in between. We couldn't have done it without you! We would also like to thank Dawn, The Hope House women, and the Fern House men for doing such a wonderful job selling tickets and cleaning up after the picnic. We would also like to thank the cooks: Bill and Robert, the volleyball tournament chair: Tom G., the servers: Frank and Perry, the ticket taker: Merrill; and thank you Andy B., Ed W., and Mo for transporting the food, beverages, and ice cream to Carlin Park. Finally, we would like to thank the Hope House women for chaperoning the bounce house all day long.

Treasurer's Report: (OPEN): Read by Ed B. Office Manager: We had a deficit of \$351.48 for the month of June. This was our first deficit since October of 2010. (At that time the deficit was \$1,400.72.) It appears that the Group Contributions for last month were down (\$2,540.73) compared to the monthly average contributions for 2011. (\$3,727.81) Also contributions for the month of May were \$5,315.16; which was the highest in almost two years. So it appears there was a lull in the month of June; which is a usually a slow month in terms of activity. Because of the deficit and spending for the picnic at the end of the month, we did not transfer anything to the Prudent Reserve Account for the month of June. Operating expenses were in line with our YTD averages. July and August of 2010 were actually strong months, so we expect things to turn around. The Prudent Reserve Account balance is \$18,544.45, which is below our required balance of \$22,200.00 by \$3,655.55.

Baskets Passed in accordance with the 7th Tradition.

Secretary's Report: Claudia D: Accepted as posted in the Today.

Registrar: Gary B.: After some setback's attempting to send out the minutes and agenda last month, I switched to G-Mail and was able to send out the correspondence. Please note that all communication with me should be directed to pbcregistrar@gmail.com. When signing in for the Intergroup Meeting, please review your respective list: Rep, Alt. Rep., or Officer/Committee Chair; if the information is correct, just initial at the end of the line. If the information IS NOT correct, please draw one single line through the inaccurate information, fill out another registration card, and get it back to me so I can update the database. Anyone wishing to receive correspondence from PBC Intergroup need only send a request to me or fill out a registration card. Please remember this is your Intergroup, and we will gladly include anyone desiring to receive the minutes in the database. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Office Manager's Report: Ed B.: The total Office activity for the month of June was 648 compared to 589 last year. The difference was an increase in the number of emails to the Office. The Website activity was 2,196 compared to 2,011 last year, which was an increase of 185. We currently have a full staff of Office Volunteers, but we can always use back up volunteers. The Intergroup Office hours are Monday to Friday, 9 AM – 5 PM and Saturday 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM.

General Service/ Intergroup Liaison: Matt J.: The monthly General Service District 8 meeting was held at the Triangle Club on Sunday, July 10, 2011 at 5:00 pm. The meeting began with Tom W. sharing on the 7th Tradition. Reports were given by the officers and committee chairpersons. The Founder's Day Dinner and the Delegate Report were a great success and netted \$627.59. Contributions to District 8 General Service for the month of June were \$2,798.02. All groups were asked to put their group name and ID# on their contribution checks. There will be an Archives workshop on Saturday, August 20, from 10:00-12:00 at the South County Intergroup Office. The Quarterly will take place July 15-18, 2011, at the Doral Resort and Spa in Miami. The next Quarterly will be at the Four Points Sheraton in Sebring, October 28-30, 2011. For further information, go to www.area15aa.org. Many sub-districts are in need of a D. C. M and/or A. C. M. Every group is urged to send a representative to the District 8 General Service meeting held on the second Sunday of each month at the Triangle Club at 5:00 pm.

South County Intergroup Liaison: Roger B.: Chair Sheryl opened meeting at 7PM with serenity prayer and welcomed new group reps. Vice Chair Liz discussed election coming up next month on 07-27-2011. Treasurer's report is in the SCAAN. Both H&I and Phone Relay reported that all commitments are filled going into next year. 12th Step committee reports there will be a 12th Step workshop on Aug 6 from 2 to 4 PM at Delray Central House. Special events – A gratitude dinner sponsored by the Women Living Sober group will be on 11-19-2001. The date for the Serenity Scramble golf tournament will be 10-16-2011. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

District 8 Archives Liaison: Nick F. : The Archives Committee will be sponsoring a Workshop on Saturday August 20, 2011, from 10:00am – 12:00pm, at the South County Intergroup Office. We will be restoring the Grape Vines and watching a history of A.A. from our own archives collection. We received a substantial contribution of A.A. related articles after the loss of Joe Gates. Joe passed away after 40 years of sobriety. His home group was the 'Lake Worth Serenity' group in Lake Worth, Florida. Highlights of his collection include: "AA Comes of Age," second printing, 1967 and "From the Grapevine's Best of Bill," a 1965 printing. A complete list will be added to the Archival inventory. Please feel free to contact the Intergroup Office (Attention: Archives) with contributions of your own, or from someone you know who is looking for a respected location for treasured AA memorabilia.

Committee Reports:

1. Public Information: John C.: Thanked Martina for her previous service as P.I. Committee Chair. Compiled a list of contacts, both public and private, and will be assessing their needs for literature and/or services we may be able to provide. 9 businesses/organizations who were contacted, have expressed interest in receiving literature or restocking their current supply. Any suggestion/ideas on how to better serve AA and Intergroup is welcome.

2. 12 Step List: (OPEN): No Report

3. Phone Volunteer Luiz C.: As far as I know, everything else is running smooth, thank you all the volunteers that make this service possible. Currently we have a shift open on Saturday from 4 pm to 8 pm. If anyone is interested to give back, this is a rewarding opportunity. Last month we had problems forwarding the phones, and I contacted those having difficulty with it. Hopefully this issue is resolved. If any problems are noticed, please contact me by phone: 561-827-5168, or by e-mail: scimitar2127@hotmail.com (please add "phones" on subject line).

4. Today: Alex A.: All is going well with the Today. We are still seeking input and suggestions from the Groups and Members to help us better serve them in the monthly newsletter. We have coordinated with both the Registrar and the Web Site Committee regarding the Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes. Starting with the September 2011 issue, the minutes will no longer be printed in the Today. Group representatives will receive the minutes from the Registrar, and they will also be posted on the Website for all everyone to have access. The ideas we have received so far are very creative: a "spot light" on a group each issue to share the groups' history and meeting information; a forum for old timers to share their experience, strength, and hope; a "letters to the Editor" section for members to address topics and discussions current events. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in the Today. Groups are also encouraged to list any of their events in the Today. Please remember: the deadline for all submissions is the last Wednesday of each month for the following issue.

5. B-day Club/Today Subscription: Dennis C.: All is going well. Recently, more people have joined the club and updating is underway. There is a minor issue regarding Birthday Club members joining at the end month of month, and the Today, as well as that month's birthdays, has already been published. Because we always run one month ahead on the Today, and therefore Birthday Celebrants, a decision has been made to print June celebrants in the July issue, and so on and so forth. From now on, we will be publishing the current month's Birthdays as well as last month's.

6. Website Committee: Trish D.: The Website underwent 26 updates. 17 Today's, that Ed found were never posted, were added to the website. Old groups were removed, and an Archives brochure was posted. Currently, I'm in the process of uploading the most recent meeting list. It should be on the website within the next 48 hours.

7. Group Contact Committee: Robert C.: No Report.

8. Bridging the Gap: Frank S.: No Report.

9. Where and When Committee: Meredith: The forth printing of the where and when is at the printers. Please have all change forms either emailed or sent to the intergroup office. Thank you.

10. Institutions: Katie: Your Institutions Committee currently brings 96 meetings a week to 36 facilities. There are still plenty of opportunities for all interested in the rewarding service work. Plan to attend our regular meeting at the Triangle Club on Sunday, August 7th, 2011. Orientation for new members is at 4:30pm followed by the full committee meeting at 5:00pm. New volunteers need to have six months of continuous sobriety and will observe 2 meetings in facilities prior to active service. Hope to see you in July, Katie C.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Open committee position – 12 Step Committee Chairperson 12-step committee chair qualifications read and opened for election. Karen R. stands and states her qualifications. A motion is made to waive the 12 Step Committee Chairperson qualifications. The Motion seconded and passed. Majority votes in favor to elect Karen R. as our new 12 Step Committee Chairperson.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Palm Beach County Intergroup
Operating Report - 7/01/2011 - 7/31/2011

Revenues:

Literature Sales	\$3,407.15
Sales Tax	\$205.98
Tax Exempt Sales	\$102.50
Group Contributions	\$5,396.97
Picnic Tickets	\$290.00
Today Subscriptions	\$0.00
Birthday Club Memberships	\$282.00
Meeting Basket	\$61.75
Memorial Contribution	\$80.00

Total Revenues: \$9,826.35

Expenses:

Literature Purchases	\$1,669.13
Sales Tax	\$218.69
Picnic Expenses	\$53.90
Office Salary	\$3,094.90
FICA & Unemployment Tax	\$180.00
Health Insurance	\$500.00
Paychex (monthly fee)	\$69.00
Rent & Water	\$475.00
AT&T (Internet, Phone, Website)	\$309.96
FP&L	\$128.95
Repairs & Maintenance	\$30.27
Exterminating	\$35.00
Printing	\$265.00
Office Supplies / Postage	\$255.07

Total Expenses \$7,319.87

Monthly Surplus / (Deficit) \$2,506.48

Checking Account Balance \$5,680.72

Prudent Reserve Interest 0.77

Transferred to Prudent Reserve \$1000.00

Prudent Reserve Balance \$19,545.22

Office Activity in July

- 12 Step Requests - 3
- Other information - 33
- Bridging The Gap - 0
- Institutions - 0
- Request for meeting info - 172
- Public Information - 3
- Visitors - 175
- AA Emails - 158
 - **Total Activity - 544**

Website Visits in July

- 1st time visits - 1941
- Return visits - 447
- **Total Visitors - 2388**

**Minutes Moving
from the Today**

Starting with the September issue of the Today, the Intergroup Business Meeting minutes will no longer be printed in the Today. Minutes will be e-mailed to each Group Representative and posted on the Intergroup Web Site.

**Palm Beach County Intergroup
Institutions Committee**
Operating Report - 7/01/2011 - 7/31/2011

Beginning Balance	\$12,110.31
Income:	
Group Contributions	
Love Faith & Life	\$5.00
Free Spirited Women	\$68.57
Good Morning Group	\$100.00
Anonymous Donation	\$10.00
Total Income	\$183.57
Expenses:	
Where & When	\$100.00
Big Books	\$0.00
Printing	\$162.00
Rent	\$60.00
Total Expenses	\$322.00
Monthly Profit/Loss	(\$138.43)
Ending Balance	\$11,971.88

Misquoted, but True?!

- The only requirement for membership is a desire to start drinking.
- We practice these principals so we do not have affairs.
- Each group ought to be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. has a hole.
- Rarely have we seen a person who has thoroughly followed our path.
- An anomaly is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions.

Tomorrow

August 19th - 21st: Sunset Round Up in Key West. For Info: www.sunsetroundup.com

August 20th: District 8 Archives Workshop. @ South Palm Beach Intergroup. 10am to Noon. Call 561-276-4581 for more info.

August 26th - 28th: 16th Annual SE Region Woman to Woman Seminar in Naples. For info: www.sewomantowoman.org

August 27th: Bowling for Big Books. Greenacres Bowl, 6pm to 9pm, free speaker meeting after. Tickets \$20 at Intergroup Office. Hosted by Intergroup & Institutions Committee.

September 4th: Institutions Committee Meeting @ Triangle Club (4:30pm - Orientation) 5:00pm Committee Meeting.

September 7th: Intergroup Committee Chair Meeting 6:15pm @ Intergroup Office—All Are Welcome to attend.

September 11th: General Service, District 8 Meeting 5:00pm @ Triangle Club.

September 14th: Intergroup Business Meeting 6:15pm @ Intergroup Office.

September 17th: 35th Annual Pot Luck Dinner @ Finland House in Lantana. Tickets \$8, Special Guest Speaker. Contact Intergroup Office for info & tickets.

September 17th - 18th: Big Book Study Workshop. 8:30am - 4:30pm @ Triangle Club in Serenity Room. Hosted by The Good Moring Group. Info: Ann - 772-672-1230

September 23rd - 25th: FCYPAA (Florida Conference of Young People in A.A.) Cocoa Beach, FL For more info: www.fcypaa2011.net

BIRTHDAY CLUB

✦ July Celebrants ✦

Jane N.	34 Years	Robert K.	31 Years
Colleen M.	27 Years	Patricia F.	17 Years
Karen P.	4 Years	Karen C.	3 Years

✦ August Celebrants ✦

Susan C.	32 Years	Bill B.	30 Years
Louis S.	19 Years	Joyce L.	12 Years
Lori G.	10 Years	Deborah P.	2 Years
Lindsey Y.	2 Years		

JOIN THE BIRTHDAY CLUB!

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

You get:

Bill & Bob Medallion, Birthday Flyer, and

Name in the 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: _____

Email : _____

Home Group : _____

Sobriety Date: ____/____/____

Phone # () _____ - _____

DONATION: \$ _____

* Deadline for new submissions for Today printing is the last Wednesday 1 month prior to sobriety month.



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* Step 8 :

Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

Tradition 8 : Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

1. Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?
2. When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?
3. Do I sometimes try to get *some* reward—even if not money—for my personal AA efforts?
4. Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on *humility*?
5. Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?
6. In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?
7. Have I paid enough attention to the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*? To the pamphlet *AA Tradition—How It Developed*?

Concept 8 : The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

- Do we understand the relationship between the two corporate service entities (A.A. World Services, Inc., the A.A. Grapevine) and the General Service Board?

- How can the business term “custodial oversight” apply to the trustees’ relationship to the two corporate service entities?

- Does my home group subscribe to G.S.O.’s bimonthly newsletter Box 4-5-9? The A.A.Grapevine? Do I?

In Loving Memory

With gratitude, we remember and celebrate the lives and sobriety of those we were blessed to have met as we trudge the road of happy destiny.

Clancy C.