



# Today

March  
2011

Palm Beach County Intergroup Association

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**3** Made a decision to turn  
our will and our lives  
over to the care of God  
as we understood Him.



I let a Higher Power take over.

### Office Activity in February

- 12 Step Requests - 6
- Other program info - 36
- Institutions - 0
- Request for meeting info - 170
- Public Information - 0
- Visitors - 232
- AA Emails - 60

**Total: 504**

### Website Visits in February

- 1st time visits - 2069
- Return visits - 412
- **Total Visitors - 2481**

## 7th Annual OLDTIMERS PANEL & SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, April 2nd, 2011

at the Finland House.  
301 Central Blvd  
Lantana



Dinner from 6:00-7:30pm  
Speakers from 7:30-9:30pm

All speakers have 35 years  
or more of sobriety. Come  
and hear their experience,  
strength and hope.

Advance tickets are recommended!  
Dinner tickets are \$10 and the  
meeting is free. Tickets are  
available through your Intergroup  
Rep or at the Intergroup office.



We will have a 50/50 raffle as well as an  
assortment of AA literature to be  
given away as door prizes!

### STEP THREE

Practicing Step Three is like the opening of a door which to all appearances is still closed and locked. All we need is the key, and it is called willingness. Once unlocked by willingness, the door opens almost of itself, and looking through it, we shall see a pathway beside which is an inscription. It reads:—This is the way to a faith that works.

*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions,  
Page 34*

**New 2011  
Where and When's  
Have arrived and are  
available at the  
Intergroup office.**



### A quote for March

*"Faith is more than our  
greatest gift. Its sharing  
with others is our greatest  
responsibility."*

*Bill W.  
The Language of the Heart*

## Service Schedule

- 4/10 - General Service - Dist 8 Meeting 5:00pm
- 4/26 - Committee Chair Meeting 6:15pm
- 4/3 - Institutions Volunteer Orientation 4:30pm
- 4/3 - Institutions Committee Meeting 5:00pm
- 4/13 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

Intergroup Meeting February 9, 2011

Call to Order: 6:20 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.:** Coming up next month at the regular Intergroup Business meeting to be held on March 9<sup>th</sup>, All Standing Committee Chairs, Liaison Positions, Officer Positions, and Advisory Committee will be elected. Anyone who wants to be of service to Intergroup is encouraged to stand. You must attend that meeting to be considered for any position. All current Standing Committee Chairs, Liaison Positions, and Officers are also encouraged to re-stand for their position or for new positions of service. In the Spirit of Rotation, I will not re-stand for Chair and encourage all Committee Chairs and Current Officers to consider the position for their next service commitment. The new suggested requirements for service as a Standing Committee Chair and Liaison position is 2 years of continuous sobriety and 1 year as Intergroup Representative. These positions have a 1 year service commitment. The suggested requirements to serve on the Advisory Committee are 3 years continuous sobriety and 1 year as Intergroup Representative. The Advisory Committee is a 2 year commitment. The suggested requirements to serve as an Officer is 3 years continuous sobriety, 1 year as Intergroup Representative, and 1 year as a Standing Committee Chair. The Officer Positions are also a 2 year commitment. On August 1, 2011 the Intergroup office lease will expire. We will need to renew our lease by May 1, 2011 so as to provide a 90 day notice to our landlord. Groups are encouraged to discuss this so we may be lead by an informed group conscience. We would like to thank all of those who attended and organized the 1<sup>st</sup> Unity Breakfast held on January 29<sup>th</sup> between North and South County Intergroups. This was the first unified event between the two bodies in 27 years and was attended by almost 400 people. A special thanks to the South County Intergroup Officers and Office manager, who without such help, the event would not have happened. It is our hope that we may continue this event on an annual basis. While you will hear positive reports tonight from all of the Standing Committee Chairs, please pay special attention to the Alternate Chair's report regarding our next service event and to the Where and When Committee's report for updated information on the progress of the next Where and When edition.

**Welcome New Representatives:** Will be acknowledged in next month's Today.

**Vice Chair's Report: Steve Y.:** Thank you to everyone who attended the Unity Breakfast, and special thanks to all those who volunteered. Intergroup will be hosting its annual "Spaghetti Dinner" (Old timers panel) on March 26<sup>th</sup> @ the Finland House. Tickets will be \$10. The event starts at 6pm with dinner until 7:30pm and the speakers will go from 7:45pm until 9pm. The panel will each have 35+ years of sobriety. Please see your Intergroup rep. for tickets or stop by the office. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**Treasurer's Report: Henry M.:** Our total revenue for January 2011 was \$10,587.95 with expenses being \$9,078.60 leaving us with a surplus of \$1,509.35. Our Checking Account balance was \$3,940.75 and we were able to transfer \$1500.00 into our Prudent Reserve, bringing that balance up to \$10,541.84 which is below the new \$22,200.00 mark by \$11,658.16. We have recalculated our Prudent Reserve figure at \$22,200.00 in accordance with the new bylaws. Our total adjusted expenses for the calendar year 2010 were \$88,800.00. Our First Annual Unity Breakfast cleared \$1,340.35 which was split with South County Intergroup leaving us with a net surplus of \$670.18 for that event. More importantly, it was a great time for unity and service; we would like to thank all who participated for their support. Our revenue in January 2010 was \$9,443.15 and expenses were \$12,430.58 leaving us with a deficit of \$2,981.43. Our Checking account balance was at -\$2,981.43 and our Prudent Reserve balance was \$5,296.94 at that time. Group contributions have fallen off this year by \$1,076.26 as compared to January 2010 and we believe that this is simply a sign of difficult financial times for everyone. Through being frugal with expenses and observing an attitude of prudence in our operational procedures we have been able to, and will continue to navigate through these tough financial times. We would like to thank all of the groups and members that we serve for their continued support.

### Pass Baskets

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

**Office Manager's Report: Ed B.:** The total office activity for January was 464 compared to 786 last year; which was a decline of 322. Most of the decline was in the area meeting information calls & emails. The website visits for January were 2,792. This is an increase of 391 over last year. The number of first time visitors was 2,249 and the return visitors were 543. The Intergroup Office hours are Monday to Friday 9 - 5, and Saturday 9:30 - 1:30. If you would like to volunteer at the Intergroup Office please call the office at: 561.655.5700. Currently we have full staff of volunteers, but we could always use back-up volunteers. As most of you know, we are currently editing the "Where & When's" for publication. If you have any changes, please email them to: [whereandwhen@aa-palmbeachcounty.org](mailto:whereandwhen@aa-palmbeachcounty.org). This information is on the website under the heading: Committees. Also the New Group Form and the Group Change Form are on the website in PDF format. So now you can them to make any changes to Group information, save the changes on your desktop, and email the changes to the Intergroup Association.

**General Service/ Intergroup Liaison: Larry M.:** Quarterly assembly was a complete success with 167 gallons of coffee consumed, motions passed, wonderful banquet and speaker from New York, GSO. Archives had all their memorabilia pulled from storage on display. Our regular district meeting is at the Triangle Club and we will be holding elections. GSR/DCM will be sharing about the Traditions.

**South County Intergroup Liaison: Gary B.:** Sheryl, Chairperson, opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Liz, Vice-Chairperson, discussed the upcoming Unity Breakfast with North County Intergroup. Pam, Office Manager, announced another full-time employee had been hired. The SCANN was still at the printer. The Faithful Fivers Program had donated almost \$3,000 to Intergroup to carry the message. The 3 fund raising events, The Gratitude Dinner, Intergroup Picnic, and Golf Tournament, had netted over \$20,000 for the Intergroup Prudent Reserve. Total Sales for the Intergroup Office for 2010 was over \$94,000 with a gross profit of over \$33,000. Michael G., Archives, discussed his committee was transferring cassette recording to CD's and an Archive's Workshop will be held on 2/18/11 at the Intergroup Office. Ryan D., Bridging The Gap, discussed formulating a letter to Treatment Centers explaining the BTG Program and it's assistance to new comes coming out of Treatment Centers. Sarah, H&I, announced next meeting will be 2-19-10 at the Intergroup Office. Willie, Telephone Relay, needs group to volunteer for future Relay dates. Paula was elected the new Treasurer of Intergroup. 1 Group Inventory question will be printed in the SCAAN every month and will be discussed at the next Intergroup Business Meeting. Liz, Vice-Chairperson, made a motion to send a donation \$400 to AAWS. She made another motion to increase the Prudent Reserve from \$24,000 to \$28,000. Both motions passed.

### Committee Reports:

**1. Public Information: Martina R.:** I will be attending the health fair at FAU Jupiter on Feb 15th. I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to participate.

**2. 12 Step List: Nick F.:** All is well with the approx 120 members of the 12 step list committee. If the Phone committee has any updated info/concerns, please pass along to me. I'm hopeful some discussion can occur regarding the email I sent last week.

**3. Phone Volunteer: Luiz C.:** All positions are filled. No problems have been reported. Thank you to all volunteers who make possible this important service to all who seek.

**4. Today: Mark P.:** Nothing to report

**5. B-day Club/Today Subscription: Pat D.:** For January I had 3 birthday club renewals and 1 Today.

**6. Website Committee: Larry M.:** Updated meeting list, current events, and corrected new days of Intergroup Committee sharing and Intergroup Reps meeting times and day changes.

**7. Group Contact Committee: Hugh:** No report.

**8. Bridging the Gap: Ashley N.:** 6 bridges...one that was bridged in CT and NJ within the same week to follow him from rehab, to parent's home to halfway house. The brochure is completed and copies can be made for anyone who wishes to give them to clients of institutions or to staff members of institutions. The more we give, the more we help. It is all good!

**9. Where and When Committee: Meredith:** The Where AND When committee had a great session on Sat and should be finished up by the end of the week and ready to submit for printing. Many thanks to all who helped.

**10. Institutions: Wendy S.:** Your Institutions Committee currently brings 96 meetings a week to 36 facilities. We had 5 new volunteers this month. There are still plenty of opportunities for all interested in this rewarding service work. Plan to attend our regular meeting at the Triangle Club on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Orientation for new members 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 will observe 2 meetings in facilities prior to active service. Hope to see you in March.

### Unfinished Business:

**New Business:** Old Timers Spaghetti Dinner Sat. March 26<sup>th</sup> @ The Finland House.

Elections for new Committee Chairs & Officers.

**Palm Beach County Intergroup**  
**Operating Report – 2/01/2011 - 2/28/2011**

**Revenues:**

Literature Sales	\$3,835.00
Sales Tax	230.05
Tax Exempt Sales	44.50
Group Contributions	3,605.09
Unity Breakfast - Ticket Sales	184.00
Unity Breakfast - Transferred to SPBC (870.49)	
Spaghetti Dinner—Tickets	350.00
Today Subscriptions	6.00
Birthday Club Memberships	46.00
Meeting Basket	94.50
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>\$7,524.65</b>

**Expenses:**

Literature Purchases	\$2,339.82
Sales Tax	292.23
Spaghetti Dinner - Supplies	80.78
Office Salary	2,307.68
FICA & Unemployment Tax	223.23
Paychex(monthly fee)	59.00
Rent & Water	475.00
AT&T (Internet, Phone, Website)	313.43
FP&L	119.23
Exterminating	35.00
Printing	-
Master Alarm Monitoring (annual charge)	276.00
Office Supplies / Postage	352.53
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,872.93</b>

**Monthly Surplus / (Deficit) \$651.72**

**Checking Account Balance \$3,092.47**

Prudent Reserve Interest	0.39
Transferred to Prudent Reserve	\$1,500.00
<b>Prudent Reserve Balance</b>	<b>\$12,042.23</b>

**INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE**

**Operating Report 1/1/11-1/31/11**

**Beginning Balance \$9,819.91**

**Income:**

**Group Contributions**

After Hours Group	\$356.04
The Island Group	\$40.00
Sweet Serenity Group	\$15.00
Free Spirited Women	75.06
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$486.10</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$486.10</b>

**Expenses:**

Bank Charge	\$0.00
Big Books	\$29.20
Printing	\$25.97
Rent	\$60.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$115.17</b>

**Monthly Profit/Loss \$370.93**  
**Ending Balance \$10,190.84**

**WELCOME NEW REPS IN February!!!**

Chris.....3rd Tradition  
Margo.....filling in for Sober on Sundays  
Tom.....Lake Worth Serenity  
Gustavo.....filling in for James as the S.C Intergroup liason

**Tradition 3:**

The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.

**Third Traditions Checklist**

Who can measure what is in the heart of another? He may not say he wants it, or act as if he does, but if the desire is in his heart, even unknown to himself, that is enough.

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new A.A. members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately don't want in my A.A. group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I over impressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, clergyman or ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at A.A. needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to A.A. before? What his other problems are?

**Concept III :**

To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A., the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional "Right of Decision"

**Faith**

"The decision step to go on with the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous asks that we step out on faith. It is only a matter of being willing to believe. Through the process of the 12 steps, that belief turns into faith. We carry this faith into the rest of the steps by being willing to believe. We must begin to have faith that it will work.



## JOIN THE BIRTHDAY CLUB!

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

You get:

Bill & Bob Medallion, Birthday Flyer 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](mailto:pbciaa@bellsouth.net).

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

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

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

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



## BIRTHDAY CLUB

### ★ March Celebrants ★

Giff D	46 years	John Mc	3 years
Terri M.	32 years	Matt S.	3 years
Bruce "Cuz" M.	18 years	Sandie F.	3 years
Kimberly L.	5 years		

ASL Interpreted Meetings are offered  
Thursday @ 8:00 pm at the  
Love, Faith & Life Group  
Good Shepherd United Methodist Church  
2341 South Military Trail, WPB

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## New Committee Chair Meeting

Intergroup has eliminated the Steering committee. In its place we have formed a Committee chair meeting. This is an informal meeting designed for the exchange of information and ideas. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month @ 6:15. This is an open meeting, any AA member may attend.

## 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 please call the Intergroup Office or ask your Intergroup Rep. for the sign-up list.

