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Palm Beach County Intergroup Association



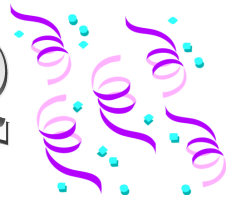
January
2012

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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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2012



8th Annual OLDTIMERS PANEL & SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, March 24, 2012
at the Finland House.
301 Central Blvd Lantana
Dinner from 6:00-7:30pm
Speakers from 7:30-9:30pm



Anyone with 35 years or more sobriety is encouraged to add their name to our list of speaker candidates who wish to share their experience, strength and hope. Please contact the Intergroup office 655-5700 to be added to the list.

Dinner tickets are \$10

Advance tickets are recommended!

Tickets are available through your Intergroup Rep. or at the Intergroup office.



PBC Intergroup Committee Chair Elections

Elections for PBC Intergroup Service Committee Chairs is set for the March 14th Intergroup business meeting beginning at 6:15pm.

The new Committee Chairs will be seated in May and are 1 year service commitments.

If you would like to serve for any position please attend the March Intergroup meeting.



◆ 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 of 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 "I 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

Group Spotlight

Somewhere To Turn

Sunday @ 5:30pm : The Meeting Place - 655 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach

History: In August of 2009, three A.A.'s were looking for a meeting that offered something more than the standard meetings being offered. They wanted a meeting to get real and to get honest, a hardcore "Old-school" blunt format. They were searching for and formed the Somewhere To Turn Group. From the onset, the group's conscience has been to be rigorously honest while sharing. The Group permits profanity and blunt talk. Those easily offended may want to consider this before attending.

Meeting(s): Open Speaker Discussion. While the Somewhere To Turn Group seeks a hardcore honest format where profanity is allowed, the meetings themselves are very intimate and heart-filled. This open air feeling seems to bring the best out of those whom are sharing and results in a pure A.A. meeting, both blunt and caring. The average attendance is under 20 people and is balanced with both male and female attendees. If you are looking for a meeting that is honest, open, and full of love, then you'd be hard pressed to find one offering more than this group.

The Original Six Steps of AA

In Bill Wilson's own hand-writing.

1. Admitted hopeless ^{For God}
2. Got honest with self
3. Got honest with another
4. Made Amends
5. Helped other without demand
6. Prayed to God as you understand him.

Ever
Bill W.
Original 6
Steps
April 1953

Step 1: Admitted hopeless

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Step 3: Got honest with another

Step 4: Made amends

Step 5: Helped others without demand

Step 6: Prayed to God as you understand him

ALCOHOLICS
ANONYMOUS

This is the Fourth Edition of
the Big Book, the Basic Text
for Alcoholics Anonymous



BIG
BOOK
STEP
STUDY
WORKSHOP

January 28th & 29th, 2012

8:30am - 4:30pm

Triangle Club
Serenity Room

The Triangle Club
1369 Okeechobee Rd
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Call 561-832-1110
for directions only

For more information call
Bill O: 561-588-7024

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(If you are missing any of the above, come anyway and we will provide - although sweaters can be a problem.)

Financial Reports

Palm Beach County Intergroup Operating Report - 12/01/2011 - 12/31/2011

Revenues:	
Literature Sales	\$3,508.75
Sales Tax	\$210.52
Tax Exempt Sales	\$125.00
Group Contributions	\$3443.40
Christmas Alcolthon	\$837.46
Today Subscriptions	\$0.00
Birthday Club Memberships	\$60.00
Meeting Baskets	\$75.50
Total Revenues:	\$8,260.63
Expenses:	
Literature Purchases	\$2,441.10
Sales Tax	\$231.47
Office Salary	\$3,666.70
FICA & Unemployment Tax	\$357.00
Paychecks (monthly fee)	\$69.00
Christmas Alcolthon	481.41
Rent & Water	\$475.00
AT&T (Internet, Phone, Website)	\$384.00
FP&L	\$88.60
Exterminating	\$35.00
Printing	\$410.00
Office Supplies / Postage	\$99.41
Total Expenses	\$8,738.69
Monthly Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$478.06)
Checking Account Balance	\$1,752.91
Prudent Reserve Interest	0.33
Transferred to Prudent Reserve	\$0.00
Prudent Reserve Balance	\$20,047.18

Palm Beach County Intergroup Institutions Committee Operating Report - 12/01/2011 - 12/31/2011

Beginning Balance	\$10,355.47
Income:	
Group Contributions	
After Hours Group	\$79.42
Love, Faith, & Life	\$5.00
Free Spirited Women	\$63.43
Big Book Ball	103.50
Total Income	\$251.35
Expenses:	
Where & When	\$121.00
Big Books	\$0.00
Printing	\$0.00
Rent	\$0.00
Big Book Ball	\$685.13
Bank Charge	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$806.13
Monthly Profit/Loss	(\$554.78)
Ending Balance	\$9,800.69

Office Activity in December

- 12 Step Requests - 5
- Other information - 29
- Bridging The Gap - 0
- Institutions - 3
- Request for meeting info - 188
- Public Information - 3
- Visitors - 218

Website Visits in December

- 1st time visits - 1852
- Return visits - 343
- Total Visitors - 2195

"AND WHAT'S MORE! I CAN
OUT HUMBLE ANY MAN
IN THIS GROUP"



Tomorrow

January 13th - 15th: Area 15 Quarterly in St. Petersburg, FL @ Hilton Hotel—Hosted by Dist. 1 - For more info: www.area15aa.org

January 28th & 29th: Big Book Step Study Workshop. 8:30 am - 4:30pm both days @ The Triangle Club in Serenity Room. Sponsored by The Good Morning Group. For more information call Bill O: 561-588-7024

February 1st: PBC Intergroup Committee Chair Meeting 6:15pm @ Intergroup Office. All are welcome to attend.

February 2nd - 5th: Space Coast Round-Up "Rocking Into The Fourth Dimension" More info @ www.aaspacecoast.org

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

February 8th: PBC Intergroup Business Meeting 6:15pm @ Intergroup Office.

February 12th: General Service, District 8 Meeting 5:00pm @ Triangle Club.

March 24th: PBCI Annual Spaghetti Dinner with Old-Timer Speaker panel @ Finland House, Lantana, FL 6pm - 9pm

August 1st - 5th: 56th Florida State Convention @ Innisbrook Golf & Spa Resort Palm Harbor. More info: www.56.flstateconvention.com.

November 9th - 11th: Southeast Regional Forum @ Boca Raton Marriot. FREE! More info @

BIRTHDAY CLUB

★ December Celebrants ★

Ray F.	17 Years	Terry C.	6 Years
Pat D.	4 Years	Sharon F.	3 Years

★ January Celebrants ★

Beverly R.	30 Years	Barry B.	27 Years
Larry M.	23 Years	Quentin B.	22 Years
Michelle H.	21 Years	Thomas S.	21 Years
Henry M.	16 Years	Steve Y.	15 Years
Michael G.	10 Years	Kevin S.	8 Years
John C.	5 Years		

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STEPS • TRADITIONS • CONCEPTS

Step 1: Admitted we were powerless over alcohol - That our lives had become unmanageable.

Tradition 1: Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.

1. Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person, or am I divisive? What about gossip and taking other members' inventories?
2. Am I a peacemaker? Or do I, with pious preludes such as "just for the sake of discussion," plunge into argument?
3. Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I abrasive?
4. Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or contrasting AA in one place with AA in another?
5. Do I put down some AA activities as if I were superior for not participating in this or that aspect of AA?
6. Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support, in every way I can, AA as a whole, or just the parts I understand and approve of?
7. Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me?
8. Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?
9. Do I go to enough AA meetings or read enough AA literature to really keep in touch?
10. Do I share with AA all of me, the bad and the good, accepting as well as giving the help of fellowship?

Concept 1: Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

- Does our group have a general service representative (G.S.R.)? Do we feel that our home group is part of A.A. as a whole and do our group's decisions and actions reflect that?
 - Do we hold regular group conscience meetings encouraging everyone to participate?
- Do we pass that conscience on to the district, area, or the local intergroup meetings?
- Is the "collective conscience" of Alcoholics Anonymous at work in my homegroup? In my area?
- Where do we fit in the upside-down triangle of A.A.?
- Are we willing to do what it takes to insure that our democracy of world service will work under all conditions?



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