

START TIME: 6:17pm

Number in Attendance: 51

## **INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING**

February 8th, 2012

*~ Open Meeting*

*~ Serenity Prayer*

*~ 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.

### **NEW REPRESENTATIVES:**

REPRESENTATIVE	GROUP NAME	REPRESENTATIVE	GROUP NAME
Theresa	Saturday Oasis	Lenny	Happy Hour
Robin	Triangle - Women's	Chip	IOU (New Group)
Coleen (alternate)	Triangle - Women's	Brian (alternate)	IOU (New Group)
Bill	Bob 1 <sup>st</sup> Group Well.	Duane	Longest Day of the Year

**CHAIRPERSON:** STEVE Y. - If everyone can please turn off or silence your cell phones so not to disrupt the meeting that would be terrific. Just a reminder that all committee reports shall be submitted to the Intergroup Secretary after the meeting or within 24 hours after tonight's meeting. As always, we are in need of volunteers for our upcoming service events. If you would like to be of service for any of these that would be terrific and please see Leroy after the meeting. We will be conducting elections next month (March) for new standing committee chairs as well as our liaison positions, as these are 1-year commitments. The newly elected chairs will begin their service in May, so it will give you 2 months to work with the previous chairs until you take over. To our new reps please make sure you have filled out the blue form with your home group name and pertinent info, and hand it to the registrar Gary B., before leaving tonight's meeting. If anyone has any questions throughout tonight's meeting please feel free to raise your hand. Don't be shy we don't bite.

**ALTERNATE CHAIR:** LEROY H. - Welcome to the meeting, I would like to tell you about the Old-Timers Panel & Spaghetti Dinner, Sat, March, 24th 2012. Dinner at 6-7 PM, Sobriety Countdown at 7:30-8 PM, Speakers at 8-9:30 PM. At the Finland House, 301 Finlandia Blvd, Lantana, FL 33462. Dinner tickets are \$10.00 per person. I would like to ask all reps who can to bring desserts. Also we need volunteers to sign in tonight who can help. We need people to assist the Old-Timers on the stage. We would like the Intergroup Reps who help, to show others what a Fellowship looks like. Also, we need set up people, trash people and tear down people. We must be in and out the same day. We thank you for your service. Leroy H., Vice Chair

**TREASURER:** MARK H. - The packet of information you have received also now includes the Institutions committee treasurer report. This has been included because their finances are our responsibility come year-end when we fill out the Form 990 EZ for tax purposes. I feel they should be included in my report to you for accuracy.

Thank you for all of the individual and group contributions that make our mission possible.

*\*Pass the baskets according to our 7th Tradition\**

**SECRETARY:** (OPEN) – "Distributed the minutes to the registrar for e-mail disbursement"

**REGISTRAR:** GARY B. - The minutes were sent out in accordance with the PBC Intergroup By-Laws. Thank You Claudia for your Service. In Love & Service, Gary B., Registrar

**OFFICE MANAGER:** ED B. - Total Office Activity for January 693 compared to 598 for last year. Total Website Activity was 2,691 compared to 2,792 for last year. We have the "Spring, 2012 Where & When" meeting lists in stock. The Intergroup Office will be closed Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> for Presidents' Day. Otherwise, the Intergroup Office is open Monday to Friday from 9 to 5, and Saturday from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

**GENERAL SERVICE/ INTERGROUP LIAISON:** MATT J. - There has not been a District 8 Meeting since the last report. The next district 8 meeting will be held on Sunday, February 11, 2012 at 5pm at the Triangle Club. The next quarterly will be in Tampa, Fl April 13th - 15th, 2012. For further information go to [www.area15aa.org](http://www.area15aa.org) Additionally, Area 15 will be hosting the Southeast Region forum at the Boca Marriot November 9-11, 2012. Thirteen States are in the Southeast Region. This is a rare opportunity to have a Forum so close to home and will not be in our area again for another 26 years. It is with great sadness, that we report the passing of past Area 15 Delegate Homer Pat D. who served District 8 and Area 15 with love and laughter and was a friend amongst friends. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. On behalf of Matt J.- Liaison, respectfully submitted in Love & Service, Alex A.

**SOUTH COUNTY INTERGROUP LIAISON:** ROGER B. – South Palm Beach County Intergroup Business Meeting held 01-25-2012 Chair Sheryl opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the serenity prayer and welcomed new group representatives.

Vice Chair Liz – Stated that the New Year's Alcothon was a great success and thanked all the volunteers that helped out. She also stated that Group Surveys are available to take back to groups in order to get feedback about Intergroup services.

Treasurer Sarah – Went over the December 2011 report and the Year 2011 annual report. Actual expenses were \$200 more than projected and the year closed out \$2705 in the red.

Secretary – Cheryl – No report

Office Manager – Pam T. went into more detail regarding the expenses and assets related to the Office.

Committee Chair Reports:

- Archives – Nick thanked the committee for their work on the District 8 workshop
- Bridge the Gap – Willie B is working to expand the existing list of volunteers
- Group Information – Open position – No report
- Telephone Relay – Zach reported that they need Groups to volunteer for the months of July through December, 2012
- Where & When – Todd reported that new Where & Whens have been printed
- Twelfth Step – Bari W reported that they need more volunteers for the committee
- H & I – Carey reported that all meetings are covered at this time
- Public Information – No report

Open Committee Chair Positions:

- General Service Liaison – Chip C stood for position
- Group Information – Taylor R. stood for the position

Old Business: A previously tabled motion to hold an Intergroup Inventory was voted on and passed.

New Business: Dorothy spoke about the flyer that had been circulating regarding Intergroup finances. She would like a Group Representative to make a motion to form an ad hoc committee to examine salary structure, the Intergroup office lease agreement, and how decisions are made by the Steering Committee. She would like the findings of the committee to be brought back to the Intergroup Membership as a whole. Sheryl (Chair) stated that the Group Membership elects the Steering Committee. Melissa spoke in support of the office staff. Jim stated that such a motion would be redundant with the earlier passed motion regarding the Intergroup Inventory. Sheryl (Chair) stated that due to time constraints of the meeting room, this matter would have to be continued at the next monthly business meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM  
Respectfully submitted, Roger B.

**ARCHIVES COMMITTEE LIAISON:** NICK F.- If you wish to contribute AA memorabilia, contact District 8 Archives Chair Claudia M. at 561-603-5471, or bring the item(s) to the Intergroup Office. Come visit our Archives display at the office. Stay tuned for info about the next Archives workshop. In Love & Service, Nick F.

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION:** JOHN C. There is very little to report for the month of January. Continued to follow up on contacts with the school district and libraries. Will be attending the district PI meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup> to learn of more opportunities for this committee to carry the AA message. As always, any input concerning service opportunities for this committee are encouraged and appreciated.

**12 STEP LIST:** Ed W. - Evening' everybody, hope all is well. Since our last meeting I've called everyone on both lists, so the current list is up to date. When I started making the calls, we had 107 people, 67 women and 40 men on the list, unfortunately those numbers have dropped slightly to 95 people, 56 women and 39 men unfortunately, of the 95 people left on the list, 30 (25 women and 5 men) never returned my calls, which I made note of on the updated spread sheet, so the volunteers can call those I was able contact 1st. So, we went from 107 to 95 people, and of the 65 people I did speak with, all of them were Happy to be of Service! On that note, we also added six new people, 4 men and 2 women to the list. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Ed W.

**PHONE VOLUNTEER:** LUIZ C. - Hi, the hotline shifts are covered except for the Thu 5-8pm shift. If there are any known problems, please contact the Office Manager Ed B., or me so we can try to correct it. I'd like to thank all the volunteers, from the regular shifts and back-ups, for your service. My phone number is (561) 827-5168 and my email address is [scimitar2127@hotmail.com](mailto:scimitar2127@hotmail.com). In Love and Service, Luiz C.

**TODAY:** ALEX A. - The February issue of the Today is before you. Unfortunately, there was not a Group Spotlight section this month. We are encouraging all groups to participate by submitting their groups. The February issue of the Today is before you. Unfortunately, there was not a Group Spotlight section this month. We are encouraging all groups to participate by submitting their groups' history to the Today. In its place, a

letter article from the Grapevine in 1991. We were moved by the message contained in the article and hope you will enjoy it as well. The Jupiter / Tequesta Groups are hosting a picnic at Carlin Park in Jupiter and we are asking all Intergroup Reps to attend and spread the word to their respective Home Groups. The final stages of preparation for The 8th Annual Old Timers Panel with Spaghetti Dinner is underway and we would also encourage everyone to attend this great event. Anyone willing to be of service please see Leroy or contact the Intergroup Office. All Groups are continued to be encouraged to submit group activities to the Today and all members are encouraged to share their experience, strength, and hope as well. Please send all submissions to: today@aa-palmbeachcounty.org and remember that all group activity submissions ought to be at least 2 months in advance of the event. In Love and Service, Alex Allen

**B-DAY CLUB/TODAY SUBSCRIPTION:** DENNIS C. – I will be stepping down and my position needs to be filled.

**WEBSITE COMMITTEE:** TRISH D. - I performed the following updates/changes to the website since the last Intergroup meeting: - Updated the meetings list - Uploaded the Today and Minutes from January. Trish

**GROUP CONTACT COMMITTEE:** OPEN -

**BRIDGING THE GAP:** CAROL G. – Our drive for additional volunteers has been moderately successful. We have added 12 men and 7 women to our list. Most of which were added at meetings and others of which were called into Intergroup. It would be great if more Intergroup Reps. would remind their group members that we are still looking for volunteers. With Love and Service, Carol G.

**WHERE AND WHEN COMMITTEE:** MEREDITH J. - as of 2/8/2012 we had about 1140 Where and Whens they are now blue and are listed spring 2012. Due to circumstances beyond my control this will be my last report and I thank you for allowing me to serve.

**INSTITUTIONS:** KATIE C. - Your Institutions Committee currently brings 96 meetings a week to 36 facilities. We had 16 new volunteers this month. 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, March 4, 2012. 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 March. Katie C.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Open Secretary's Position - All members of Intergroup with the necessary requirements were asked to stand for the position. No one wanted the position. Linda R. with less than 3 years sobriety asked for an exception in her case based on her credentials: background in graphic design, worked as a writer, ability to take notes, experience in creating flyers, etc. A sense of the meeting was taken and the outcome was: 48 voted yes, 1 no, and 1 abstention

**NEW BUSINESS:**

General Service Liaison Position – Jude F. with 6 years sobriety and 4 months as a rep stood for and was unanimously voted into the position.

Group Contact Committee Position – Ryan C. with 18 months sobriety and 6 months as an Intergroup Rep stood for the position. Once again a sense of the meeting was taken and the outcome: he was unanimously voted into the position.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Spaghetti Dinner / Old Timers Panel. March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Saturday at, The Finland House. 6pm to 9:30pm. Tickets will be \$10.00. We will also be setting up committee tables for the event, attendance is desired.