

# Today

January  
2010

Palm Beach County Intergroup Association

1371 Okeechobee Road  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
561-655-5700 Fax 561-655-6441  
www.aa-palmbeachcounty.org  
pbciaa@bellsouth.net



## **Forgive us for our mistakes!**

*There were numerous errors in the December Today issue, which was inadvertently marked November. Accept our apologies specifically the error on Step 12 that said ..... We tried to carry the message to other "addicts". We carry the message to other "ALCOHOLICS." \*\*\*\*\*  
"Alcoholics Anonymous can help alcoholics but let's not be so arrogant to think we can help everyone."  
Artie S.*

*Thank you To each and every Group for your support of our 43<sup>d</sup> Annual Alcothon!*

\*\*\*\*\*

*Many thanks to the Volunteers for all their hard work in the set up, decorating & clean up*

## Birthday Club

### ★ **Birthday Celebrants** ★

#### **~Celebrants in November~**

Hugh H. 2 years!

#### **~Celebrants in December~**

Leroy H. 22 years!

#### **~Celebrants in January~**

Larry M. 20 years!

Quentin B. 20 years!

Henry M. 14 years!

Michael G. 9 years!



### Calls to the Office in November

- AA Related -248
- Other Programs -30
- 12<sup>th</sup> Step Calls -3
- Institutions - 2
- Public Information-1
- Visitors -190
- AA Emails -142
- Total Activity -616



*Palm Beach County Intergroup Needs your help identifying your group's contact person  
Please contact  
Steve Y. (561)689-4638*

### *Service Schedule*

- 1/3 - Institutions Committee Mtg. 4:30pm
- 1/10 - GSR Meeting 5:00pm
- 2/3 - Intergroup Meeting 6:15pm
- 1/27 - Steering Committee Meeting 6:15pm

Groups may announce Sponsored events in the Today.  
Call the Intergroup Office  
655-5700

## **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 November 4, 2009**

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

**Welcome New Representatives:** Jason W. Rude Awakenings, Ann S. Good Morning Group, Bill H. (Alt.) Lake Worth Serenity, Sarah B. Midnight Madness, Jaki N. (Alt.) Love, Faith & Life, Nick J. Our Hope, John H. Newcomers Dinner Meeting, Masaracchio P. (Alt.) Lunch Bunch  
**Chair person's Report:** Luke G. (See attached Chair person Letter) Chair person resigns from service.

**Secretary's Report:** David C. - Motion made and failed, to accept minutes as printed in the Today. Minutes printed where from the month before.

**Treasurer's Report:** Robert N. (See attached Treasures Letter) Treasure resigns from service.

**Vice Chair's Report:** Failed to attend meetings and not available for contact, removed from office.

**Committee Reports:**

**1. General Service/Intergroup Liaison:** Luiz C. - Attended Quarterly, topic discussed Making sure that we scrub names off emails during communications. An ad-hoc committee on Intergroup / Central Offices, finding are that most are in financial trouble right now.

**2. Institutions:** Luke -Not Present

**3. Office Manager:** Beth E. - Shift are filled Donation are up this month \$5,559 in donations. Last time we had donation like this was April 2008. Office manager recommend opening office on Saturdays with a volunteer.

**4. Public Information:** Larry M. - A mailing to High School in the area occurred had information about AA. Committee will follow up in the next few weeks.

**5. 12 Step List:** Anthony M. - 12 step list is up to date. We need women that will drive for 12 step calls.

**6. Phone Volunteer:** Lisa M. . Hot line is going well. We need help with having some stand by volunteers that want to cover the phones when the office is closed for holidays.

**7. Today:** Matt S. . Today was not printed by regular printer do to timing issues.

**8. B-Day Club/Today:** Hugh - New flyer are being sent out to promote birthday club.

**9. Website Committee:** Mark P. . Website was up to date. By-laws and the suggested donation pie chart are under the services tab.

**10. Group Contact Committee:** Steve Y. - Everything is good need help with confirming three meetings 1) Sunrise 12&12 2) Jupiter Farms Group 3) Women's Inner Circle

**11. Bridging the Gap:** Babs - October we had 10 Bridges.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Pottluck, Dance . Tabled
- Dance . Tabled
- There is urgency for fundraising.

**Business to be Discussed:**

- Motion to set aside reports for elections PASSED
- Motion made by Monday Night Men's Group that all Current Officers step down. No second.
- Election for Chair Person two people stand Alex A. ELECTED 18 to 16
- Election for Vice Chair Person two people stand Tony R. ELECTED 19 to 13
- Election for Treasurer Three people stand Henry M. ELECTED 22 to 10 to 0
- Motion made to table all items that do not effecting Interegroup for the next two months PASSED Unanimous
- Motion passed in steering committee that all report from committees will be submitted typed to secretary.
- Motion made to have Alco-thon at Intergroup office PASSED Unanimous

**New Business**

- Ideas for fund raising
  - o Using block and brick paves donated for fund raising.
  - o Blue Cans passed at meetings
  - o Fund Raiser at local AA Clubs by groups or collection of members to benefit Intergroup.
- Groups would like a 3 year history income.

Meeting adjourned at 8: 10 PM

**Intergroup Meeting Minutes for December 2, 2009**

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

**Welcome New Representatives:** Sam K. Free Spirited Women, Jason W. Rude Awaking, Rick O. Make Your Bed Group, Nick F. Lunch Bunch, Gil P. Good Orderly Direction, John H. Newcomers Dinner Meeting, Brandon S. GFY Group

**Secretary's Report:** David C. - Motion made and failed, to accept minutes as printed in the Today. Minutes printed from the month before. Two corrections of previous minutes 1) a motion that was seconded and tables from previous meeting was omitted from the minutes and the agenda the motion was to form a committee to see if we can move Intergroup office to new location+ 2) In the Oct. minutes in the comment by Henry . I used the word "indispensable+the correct word was "expendable+

**Treasurer's Report:** Henry M. 3 year income and expense reports completed and given to Reps; any questions will be fielded at January meeting. These reports show a definite income decrease due to lower group contributions, lack of service/events as well as some expense increases. Payroll, IRS and accounting issues from 2008 have been identified and we are awaiting notification from IRS.

**Committee Reports:**

**1. General Service/Intergroup Liaison:** Luiz C. - Archives is mapping various "When and Where" that were donated; also is checking the viability of sharing storage space with Grapevine. Dept. of Corrections is working to speed up the process of approving volunteers to bring meetings into institutions.

**2. Institutions:** Luke -Not Present. It was discussed that Luke resigned as institutions chair. Intergroup should contact Institutions and inquire as to their new chairperson for purpose of attending monthly membership meetings.

**3. Office Manager:** Beth E. -Shifts are filled. Office busy and running smoothly.

**December minutes continued on next page.**

**Palm Beach County Intergroup  
Operating Report - 11/1/09 - 11/30/09**

<b>Income:</b>	
Literature Sales	\$2861.50
Sales Tax	\$186.28
Exempt Sales	\$633.05
Group Donations	\$4411.58
Today Subscriptions	\$36.00
Birthday Club	\$84.00
Intergroup Meeting	\$88.00
Fundraiser	\$1840.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$10,140.41</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	
Office Salary	\$2399.64
Payroll Tax (Q3 2009)	\$1489.67
Unemployment Tax (Quarterly)	\$16.20
Health Insurance (Quarterly)	\$0.00
Rent	\$400.00
Water	\$75.00
AT&T (Internet, Long Distance, Adv.)	\$332.62
FPL	\$139.99
Pest Control	\$35.00
Printing	\$93.45
Sales Tax	\$216.69
Literature Purchases	\$2233.05
Office Expense	\$77.34
Accountant	\$112.50
Master Alarm Monitoring (Annual)	\$276.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,897.15</b>

<b>Monthly Profit/Loss</b>	<b>\$2,243.26</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>\$5,325.31</b>
<b>Prudent Reserve Balance</b>	<b>\$5,295.39</b>

**PALM BEACH COUNTY INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE  
Operating Report 11/1/09-11/30/09**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	\$10,295.81
<b>Income:</b>	
<b>Group Contributions</b>	
Phipps Ocean Park Meeting	\$100.00
Smoke Free Sobriety	
Good Guys Group	\$117.00
Anonymous Donations	\$40.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$257.00</b>
Big Book Ball Tickets & Auction	\$538.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$795.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Bank Charge	\$0.00
Big Books	\$0.00
Printing	\$42.09
Big Book Ball	
Bowling for Big Books	\$500.00
Rent	\$60.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$602.09</b>
<b>Monthly Profit/Loss</b>	<b>\$192.91</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$10,488.72</b>

## Group Donations

Nov-09	YTD				
			MEN'S FIFTH TRADITION GROUP	\$ 422.50	
<b>ANONYMOUS</b>	\$ 770.00	\$ 100.00	MONDAY NIGHT MEDITATION GROUP	\$ 240.00	\$ 40.00
11 STEP GROUP	\$ 200.00	\$ -	MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP	\$ 283.00	\$ -
AFTER HOURS GROUP	\$ 2,045.11	\$ -	NOON HOUR GROUP	\$ 590.00	\$ -
BEACHCOMBERS BACK TO BASICS	\$ 430.00	\$ -	NORTHWOOD GROUP	\$ 25.00	\$ -
BASIC TEXT GROUP	\$ 100.00	\$ -	PASS IT ON (MEN'S)	\$ 330.00	\$ -
BIG BOOK STEP STUDY	\$ 152.75	\$ -	PRIMARY PURPOSE	\$ 402.50	\$ -
CARDINAL LANE	\$ 128.06	\$ -	PRIMETIME GROUP	\$ 767.20	\$ 76.00
CENTRAL GROUP	\$ 400.00	\$ -	PROMISES BY CANDLELIGHT	\$ 96.13	\$ -
COME EARLY, STAY LATE	\$ 200.00	\$ -	PROMISES PROMISES	\$ 150.00	\$ 10.00
CONSCIOUS CONTACT	\$ 200.00	\$ -	REFLECTIONS GROUP	\$ 200.00	\$ -
DAY'S END	\$ 175.00	\$ -	RIVER BOTTOM GROUP(FRI)	\$ 719.50	\$ -
DAY OPENERS	\$ 782.75	\$ -	ROAD TO FREEDOM	\$ 100.00	\$ -
DESIGN FOR LIVING	\$ 50.00	\$ -	SATURDAY EVENING RECOVERY	\$ 80.00	\$ -
DON'T QUICK BEFORE MIRACLE	\$ 76.30	\$ -	SAT. NIGHT SPEAKER MEETING	\$ 41.00	\$ 41.00
EACHDAY A NEW BEGINNING	\$ 376.38	\$ 216.00	SERENITY GROUP	\$ 78.00	\$ -
EXPECT A MIRACLE	\$ 400.00	\$ -	SERENITY ON THE BEACH	\$ 570.00	\$ -
END OF THE ROAD GROUP	\$ 400.00	\$ -	SINGLENES OF PURPOSE	\$ 780.00	\$ -
FERN STREET GROUP	\$ 100.00	\$ -	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY	\$ 175.00	\$ -
FIRST TRADITION	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	SMOKE FREE SOBRIETY	\$ 836.00	\$ 257.00
FLORIDA ROUND UP	\$ 456.25	\$ -	SOBER, ALIVE & FREE	\$ 50.00	\$ -
FREE SPIRITED WOMEN	\$ 374.70	\$ -	SOBER SENIORS	\$ 1,233.35	\$ 223.35
FRIDAY NIGHT BEGINNERS	\$ 33.00	\$ -	SOBER SISTERS	\$ 75.00	\$ -
FRIENDS OF BILL W.	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	SOBRIETY FIRST GROUP	\$ 861.60	\$ 180.00
GARDENS STEP MEETING	\$ 2100	\$ -	SOBRIETY IS A BEACH	\$ 500.00	\$ -
GIFT OF SOBRIETY	\$ 85.00	\$ -	SPIRIT OF 76 GROUP	\$ 511.00	\$ 225.00
GOLD COAST CANDLELIGHT	\$ 750.00	\$ -	SPIRITUAL AWAKENINGS	\$ 183.00	\$ -
GOOD GUY'S GROUP	\$ 225.00	\$ -	SPONSORSHIP GROUP	\$ 300.00	\$ -
GOOD MORNING GROUP	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	STEP FORWARD GROUP	\$ 100.00	\$ -
GOOD NEWS GROUP	\$ 200.00	\$ -	SWEET SERENITY GROUP	\$ 225.00	\$ 75.00
GOOD ORDERLY DIRECTION	\$ 505.00	\$ -	TELL IT LIKE IT IS	\$ 340.00	\$ -
HAPPY HOUR GROUP	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	TEQUESTA MEN'S	\$ 320.85	\$ 225.00
HAPPY HOUR @ ST EDWARDS	\$ 500.00	\$ -	THE NEW DOWNTOWN GROUP	\$ 600.00	\$ -
HAPPY, JOYOUS & FREE	\$ 257.00	\$ -	THERE IS A SOLUTION	\$ 200.00	\$ -
HARMONY WOMEN'S GROUP	\$ 1,475.00	\$ -	TIKI HUT BEACH GROUP	\$ 732.00	\$ -
HERE AND NOW	\$ 420.00	\$ 120.00	TO THE POINT GROUP	\$ 100.00	\$ -
HIGH NOON GROUP	\$ 500.00	\$ -	TWISTED SISTER	\$ 25.00	\$ -
ISLAND GROUP	\$ 32.00	\$ -	TWEVLE STEPS & TWELVE TRADITIONS	\$ 50.00	\$ -
JUPITER GROUP	\$ 164.84	\$ 72.84	TWISTED SISTER	\$ 450.00	\$ -
JUPITER FARMS GROUP	\$ 619.00	\$ -	UNKNOWN GROUP DONATION	\$ 50.00	\$ -
JUPITER INLET MEN'S GROUP	\$ 390.00	\$ 120.00	WESTERN COMMUNITIES MEN	\$ 100.00	\$ -
JUPITER SUNRISE GROUP	\$ 6,602.26	\$ 220.18	WESTSIDE GROUP	\$ 150.00	\$ -
JUST FOR TODAY	\$ 160.40	\$ -	WOMEN IN SOBRIETY	\$ 160.00	\$ -
KIRK ROAD GROUP	\$ 325.00	\$ 25.00	WOMEN'S AWAKENING STUDY GROUP	\$ 140.50	\$ -
LADIES CHOICE	\$ 150.00	\$ -	WOMEN'S 4TH DIMENSION GROUP	\$ 12.90	\$ -
LADIES STEP FORWARD	\$ 275.00	\$ -	YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING SOBER	\$ 35.00	\$ -
LAKE WORTH GROUP	\$ 200.00	\$ 25.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 46,023.21</b>	<b>\$ 4,411.58</b>
LAKE WORTH SERENITY GROUP	\$ 690.50	\$ 308.00			
LANTANA GROUP	\$ 1,174.99	\$ 207.21	<b>DONATING GROUPS</b>		<b>24</b>
LEAVES OF GOLD	\$ 40.00	\$ -			
LIFE IS GOOD	\$ 265.00	\$ -			

## December minutes continued:

**4. Public Information:** Larry M. - I have participated in 1 strategy meeting and 3 Public Information presentations at the Lake Worth Resource Center. I left 4 display dispensers full of information pamphlets and schedules for Spanish speaking meetings in or near Lake Worth. Many of them have been taken /or handed out. After every presentation I have answered many questions and distributed literature. My over all take is that this new initiative is growing in force and purpose. The growth is small but significant and over time will have a positive effect on the current concerns in the downtown area. I am proud to be a part of this effort and will continue my participation as long as the invitation stands. The responsibilities have been divided between North and South Palm Beach County Intergroup. We alternate every other Tuesday before lunch in the Resource Center.

**5. 12 Step List:** Anthony M. - 12<sup>th</sup> Step lists are up to date. We need volunteers who will take calls/give rides to meetings.

**6. Phone Volunteer:** Lisa M. . Not Present; the hotline is holding its' own; volunteers came forward and filled in for the Thanksgiving holiday = Thurs & Fri. Although we have plenty of back up/volunteers now for the hotline, it remains an issue and very time-consuming task for me, as I have to make so many calls to coordinate people to fill in on these holidays. After all, there are 11 holidays throughout the year that must be covered. I continue to propose that the office manager and office volunteers coordinate their own fill-in hot line volunteers for these holidays that they are not in the office. It would be a terrific help to me and take a tremendous time-consuming burden off my shoulders.

**7. Today:** Matt S. . Have found a new printer that will cost us less to produce the Today, unfortunately there are many mistakes in the Dec. issue including that it is titled November instead of December and page 3 is missing with a double print of page 4. We tried to get the correct minutes for both Oct. and Nov. in the December issue, but with the missing of page 3, that also stands incorrect. We will make all corrections for the next issue of the Today. Groups who would like to make submissions for the Today need to get the info to Intergroup by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**8. B-Day Club/Today:** Hugh -Bill/Bob medallions & Today newsletters were sent out. Working on new ideas to get the message of the Bday Club and Today subscriptions out.

**9. Website Committee:** Mark P. . Website is up to date.

November Today has been posted

**10. Group Contact Committee:** Steve Y. . So far there is nothing new to report regarding the Group Contact info.

**11. Bridging the Gap:** Babs - Stepping down as chair, but will continue to serve until a replacement is found. Will no longer attend Steering or Membership meetings. Had 12 bridges for the month of November, which brings the year to date to a total of 152 bridges.

**12. Ad-Hoc Committee for reviewing Intergroup By-Laws:** Luiz C- Committee will be meeting during December to gather information about by-laws, and bring a suggestion of topics to be discussed by the groups regarding updating ours.

### Unfinished Business:

- Potluck- Is scheduled for April
- Dance- Tabled
- Fundraising Ideas-
  - Tradition Work Shop at Intergroup Office, Golf Scramble, Car Wash, Movie/ Pizza Night.
  - It was asked if all additional Ideas could be brought to the next meeting in the form of a written motion so they could be moved in to committee.

### Business to be Discussed:

- Spaghetti Dinner- Location rented was released by Vice Chair, Groups motion to get Finland house reserved again PASSED (Appeared unanimous, 1 Dissenting)
- Remove Steering committee meeting from activities: Was made by Chair, as such removed from discussion.
- Volunteer to man office Saturdays 9:30am-1:30 pm- Leroy H. Volunteers
- Volunteers to work office during Alcolthon. 1-3 pm Leroy H., 5-8 pm Matt S., 10-12 Robert C.
- Motion to for an Ad hoc committee to look into new location to move Intergroup. PASSED 17/5.
  - Committee Chair: Mark Committee Members: Susan, Henry, Troy, Pat, Nick
- Ad hoc committee to review by law committee formed.
  - Committee Chair: Luiz Committee Members: Mark, Pat
- Ad hoc committee for events formed.
  - Committee Chair: Tony Committee Members: Troy, Robert, Hugh

### New Business

None

## Big Book Step Study Workshop

Sat – Sun Jan. 9-10, 2010

8:30am to 3:00pm

At

**The Triangle Club**  
(in the Serenity Room)

**Bring your Big Book, your sponsor  
and a sweater (it gets cool in there).**  
*(If you need one, a Big Book and/or temporary  
sponsor will be provided.)*

Sponsored by The Good Morning Group

## Subscribe to *Today!*

\$6.00 per year  
12 issues mailed directly to you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

Palm Beach County Intergroup Association  
1371 Okeechobee Rd, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

ASL Interpreted Meetings are offered at the  
following meeting:

Love, Faith & Life Group  
Good Shepherd United Methodist  
Church, 2341 South Military Trail

Tuesday @ 8:30pm CD Men's meeting

Thursday @ 8:30pm CD meeting

If you have any Questions Contact Intergroup at  
561-655-5700

## SIGN UP FOR THE BIRTHDAY CLUB

Complete form & mail to "Birthday Club"  
1371 Okeechobee Rd, WPB FL 33401  
Or e-mail us at [pbciaa @ Bellsouth.net](mailto:pbciaa@bellsouth.net)  
Please include your name, address and  
Anniversary Month and Year.

Included in your membership you will  
receive A "Bill and Bob" Medallion a  
Birthday Flyer and Your name printed in  
the Today news letter.

\$1.00 per year of sobriety is the  
suggested donation.

### Step One

"We admitted  
we were  
powerless over  
alcohol—  
that our lives  
had become  
unmanageable."

*Alcoholics Anonymous p.59*

### Tradition One

"Our common  
welfare should  
come first;  
personal  
recovery  
depends upon  
A.A. Unity."

## Birthday Club Form



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sobriety Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Donation \_\_\_\_\_