



# Today

February  
2011

Palm Beach County Intergroup Association

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**2** Came to believe that  
a Power greater  
than ourselves could  
restore us to sanity.



There is help.

**New 2011  
Where & When's  
are in the final stages,  
and will be available soon.**



**Officer Elections**  
set for the March 9th Inter-  
group meeting. The new  
officers will be seated in May.  
Committee chairs will also ro-  
tate out in May. If you would  
like to serve for any position  
please attend the March  
Intergroup meeting.



## 7th Annual

### OLDTIMERS PANEL & SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, March 26th, 2011  
at the Finland House.  
301 Central Blvd  
Lantana



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 Inter-  
group office 655-5700 to be  
added to the list.



### Office Activity in January

- 12 Step Requests - 5
- Other program info - 30
- Institutions - 0
- Request for meeting info - 188
- Public Information - 3
- Visitors - 209
- AA Emails - 29

**Total: 464**

### Website Visits in January

- 1st time visits - 2249
- Return visits - 543
- **Total Visitors - 2792**

## Service Schedule

- 3/13 - General Service - Dist 8 Meeting 5:00pm
- 3/2 - Committee Chair Meeting 6:15pm
- 3/6 - Institutions Volunteer Orientation 4:30pm
- 3/6 - Institutions Committee Meeting 5:00pm
- 3/9 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.

**Palm Beach County Intergroup**  
Operating Report – 1/01/2011 - 1/31/2011

<b>Revenues:</b>	
Literature Sales	\$3,704.01
Sales Tax	226.55
Tax Exempt Sales	183.00
Group Contributions	3,716.17
Unity Breakfast - Ticket Sales	1,498.0
Unity Breakfast - 50/50 Raffle	187.00
Unity Breakfast - Meeting Basket	110.25
Unity Breakfast - Beverage Sales	225.00
New Year's Alcothon	550.53
Today Memberships	-
Birthday Club Memberships	109.00
Meeting Basket	93.81
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>\$10,587.98</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Literature Purchases	\$2,327.97
Sales Tax	242.23
Alcothon Expenses	249.38
Unity Breakfast - Hall Rental	375.00
Unity Breakfast - Supplies	119.39
Unity Breakfast - Beverages	207.70
Office Salary	2,307.68
FICA & Unemployment Tax	187.22
Paychex(monthly fee)	59.00
Liability Insurance (annual)	1,515.36
Rent & Water	475.00
AT&T (Internet, Phone, Website)	310.59
FP&L	118.69
Exterminating	35.00
Printing	172.71
Office Supplies / Postage	300.68
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,078.60</b>
<b>Monthly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$1,509.38</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>\$3,940.75</b>
Prudent Reserve Interest	0.33
Transferred to Prudent Reserve	\$1,500.00
<b>Prudent Reserve Balance</b>	<b>\$10,541.84</b>

**INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE**  
Operating Report 12/1/11-12/31/11

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$12,194.26</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
<b>Group Contributions</b>	
After Hours Group	\$167.65
Days End Group	\$90.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$257.65</b>
Big Book Ball Income	\$0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$257.65</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Bank Charge	\$0.00
Big Books	\$1,246.00
Printing	\$10.00
Rent	\$60.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,316.00</b>
<b>Monthly Profit/Loss</b>	<b>-\$1,058.35</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$11,135.91</b>

Celebrate your years of recovery!  
Join the Birthday Club  
(Use form on Page 4.)

**INTERGROUP MEETING**

Intergroup Meeting January 12, 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.:** On December 12<sup>th</sup>, we attended the Institutions Committee's "Bowling For Big Books" Event. For only \$20, we were provided with limitless pizza, drinks, bowling, and family fun. The event ended with a great meeting. On December 18<sup>th</sup>, we were grateful to attend the Jupiter and Tequesta Groups' Annual Holiday Dinner hosted by the River Bottom Group. This Annual event is a unified effort of the River Bottom, Here & Now, Sunrise, We All Had To Start Somewhere, Singleness Of Purpose, Lighthouse, Inner Circle, Heart To Heart, and Monday Night River Bottom Groups. Guest Speaker Pat D. delivered an inspirational message of Unity with an adjournment to a fantastic dinner provided after. While we are grateful for the generous \$430 contribution raised for Intergroup, we are inspired by these groups example of Unity in our fellowship. A heart-felt thanks to all the groups and members involved in this wonderful event. Intergroup would like to thank all of the groups and members who attended both Holiday Alcothons. Again, while we are grateful for the generous contributions made to these two events we are humbled by the 52 sobriety chips handed out during the two Alcothons. Of that, 21 White chips were given to new comers with a remaining 15 Green, 7 Red, 4 Blue, and 5 Yellow also being awarded. On January 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> we attended South Florida General Service Assembly, hosted by District 8, in Boca Raton. With numerous workshops and committee meetings, this well planned and informative event was well attended by members from the entire Area 15 body. A special thanks to the groups and representatives of District 8 for an event well done. During our last Intergroup Meeting, the body discussed two seconded motions: the formation of a monthly meeting of Committee Chairs and the creation of a archives committee liaison with District 8. During Discussion, these two motions were "tabled" until they could be re-written in a more concise manner. Upon review of Robert's Rules and the minutes of that meeting, the term "tabled" was misused instead of the proper "postpone" as defined. As such, the Chair recognizes the body's intent as expressed during that meeting and has placed these two motions on the current agenda as Unfinished Business.

**Welcome New Representatives:** Bill/Lake Worth Group, Vicky/District 8 Liaison, Prudence/Women in Sobriety, Norman/Eye Openers Alt., & Bernie/Lunch Bunch.

**vice Chair's Report: Steve Y.:** Just a reminder Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> will be the Unity breakfast. Both Palm Beach County and South County Intergroups will host the event at the Finland House. Tickets will be \$8 and the event is from 8:30am until 11:45am.

**Treasurer's Report: Henry M.:** Our total revenue for December 2010 was \$9,796.45 with expenses being \$8,800.56 leaving us with a surplus of \$995.89. Our Checking Account balance was \$3,931.37 and we were able to transfer \$1500.00 into our Prudent Reserve, bringing that balance up to \$9,041.51 which is below the \$22,000.00 mark by \$12,958.49. Our Annual Holiday Alcothon cleared \$382.62 and we would like to thank all who participated for their support. Our revenue in December 2009 was \$9,914.01 and expenses were \$8,943.37 leaving us with a surplus of \$970.64. Our Checking account balance was at \$8,912.12 and our Prudent Reserve balance was \$5,295.39 at that time. Our annual revenue for the Calendar Year 2010 was \$114,151.78 and expenses totaled \$108,193.48, leaving us with an annual surplus of \$5,958.38. Please keep in mind that our total financial amends to the IRS for 2008 Payroll Taxes were in the amount of \$10,728.55 which caused an increase in our annual expenses. We would like to thank all the groups and individuals for their support, without which, clearing away this wreckage of the past would not have been possible. Fiscally we are running along on a good track with our Fiscal YTD (May 2010- April 2011) Revenue being \$72,475.74 and Expenses at \$65,346.75 leaving us with a Fiscal YTD surplus of \$7,128.99. This surplus can be accredited to decreased operational expenses, our groups' support, our individual supporters and a spirit of prudence and service which we have been trying to observe since standing for service in late 2009. We truly hope that we can continue to serve in this spirit in 2011.

**Passed Basket**

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

**Office Manager's Report: Ed B.:** We currently have a full staff of Office Volunteers; however we could always use back-up volunteers at this time of year. If you're interested please call the Intergroup Office at 655-5700. The total office activity for December was 453 compared to 742 last year; which was a decline of 289. Most of the decline was in the area meeting information calls & emails. The website visits for December were 2,387. The number of first time visitors was 1,933 and the return visitors were 454. We have received many calls from individuals interested in the website meeting lists, a sign of its growing popularity. The Intergroup Office hours are Monday to Friday 9 - 5, and Saturday 9:30 - 1:30. I'm sure you are going to hear this announcement many times tonight. We are in the process of updating the "Where & When's." So if you know of any errors, omissions, corrections, mistakes, oversights or anything that you want fixed, please let us know ASAP. We would prefer that you email the "Where & When" Committee or the Office Manager. The email addresses are on the Website. Or you can fill out the Group Change form on the table in front. We received an email today from a woman in North Palm Beach who wondered if there was a meeting with a babysitter, because she was new and couldn't afford a babysitter for every meeting she attended. We replied that this was not a service we provided, but that some groups might offer a babysitter if needed. If you know of such a group, please let me know.

**General Service/ Intergroup Liaison: Larry M.:** Assembly for Area 15. Speaker Phyllis from GS office in New York. Wonderful Archives display. District 8 GSR meeting 5:00 @ The Triangle Club.

**South County Intergroup Liaison: Gary B.:** No report.

**Committee Reports:**

- 1. Public Information: Martina R.:** Health Fair Tuesday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at FAU in Jupiter.
- 2. 12 Step List: Nick F.:** All is good. Suggested to take sign-up sheets to Home Groups. Also suggested that Office Volunteers try and use the 12 step list to see if anyone from that list is in the area of a person calling in.
- 3. Phone Volunteer: Luiz C.:** Hello, I am Luiz C, and there have been no problems with the phone volunteers that I am aware of. All shifts are covered. Again I would like to thank all volunteers for the regular shifts and the back up volunteers for all the help. If anyone would like to participate in our committee, we always need back up volunteers, and if anyone is aware of any problems, please contact me at: [scimitar2127@hotmail.com](mailto:scimitar2127@hotmail.com). Please put "phones " as subject.
- 4. Today: Mark P.:** Going good. Sorry for the type-o on page 1.
- 5. B-day Club/Today Subscription: Pat D.:** 0 Today's. 1 new Birthday & 2 renewals.
- 6. Website Committee: Larry M.:** Fixed any misspellings. Corrected Singleness of Purposes time slot. There is a new Treasurer's address for Area 15.
- 7. Group Contact Committee: Hugh:** Going good. Could use some help getting to meetings to the North & the West.
- 8. Bridging the Gap: Ashley N.:** Brochures will be ready for February to take to any H&I meetings. 6 Bridges in January.
- 9. Where and When Committee: Meredith:** Will meet here Saturday @ 9:30 to get ready to print new Where & Whens.
- 10. Institutions: Wendy S.:** Your Institutions Committee currently brings 96 meetings a week to 36 facilities. We had 8 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, February 6<sup>th</sup>: orientation for new members 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 February.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Motion:** Intergroup Archives Liaison. Passed. 39 for, 0 against & 2 abstained.

**Motion:** Committee Chair's Meeting. Passed. 24 for, 9 against & 8 abstained.

**New Business:**

**Motion:** Amend "Membership" Page 6-paragraph 1 of by-laws. Passed. 30 for, 2 against & 8 abstained.

**Motion:** "Where & When" Page 11-#2 of by-laws. Passed. 36 for, 1 against & 1 abstained.

Elections for Archive Liaison & Registrar in March.

**Upcoming Events:** Unity Breakfast- January 29, 2011 @ The Finland House

## STEP 2

**“Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.”**

"... Then I woke up. I had to admit that A.A. showed results, prodigious results. I saw that my attitude regarding these had been anything but scientific. It wasn't A.A. that had the closed mind, it was me. The minute I stopped arguing, I could begin to see and feel. Right there, Step Two gently and very gradually began to infiltrate my life. I can't say upon what occasion or upon what day I came to believe in a Power greater than myself, but I certainly have that belief now. To acquire it, I had only to stop fighting and practice the rest of A.A.'s program as enthusiastically as I could."

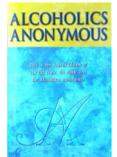
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## TRADITION 2

**“For our group purpose, there is but one ultimate authority a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern. ”**

1. Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?
2. Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
3. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
4. Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?
5. Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
6. In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

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## CONCEPT II

**The General Service Conference of AA has become for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.**

When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference — excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter — the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.

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**“I may not be living in the past, but I’m still making payments on it.”**

### 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. This is an open meeting, any AA member may attend.

### A Special Shout out

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## 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

### ★ February Celebrants ★

Pamela B.	23 years	Denis C.	9 years
Sandra D.	12 years	Angie S.	4 years
Anthony M.	3 years	Carol Ann W.	3 years

### WELCOME NEW REPS IN January!!!

Bill—Lake Worth Group  
Vicky—District 8 Liaison  
Prudence—Women in Sobriety  
Norman—Eye Openers Alt.  
Bernie—Lunch Bunch  
Christopher - Primary Purpose.

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## ◆ 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**

### 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.

ASL Interpreted Meetings are offered  
Thursday @ 8:30 pm at the  
Love, Faith & Life Group  
Good Shepherd United Methodist Church  
2341 South Military Trail, WPB

If you know an American Sign Language interpreter who would be interested in volunteering to interpret AA meetings, please contact the office 561-655-5700.



"You've come to the right place, fella."