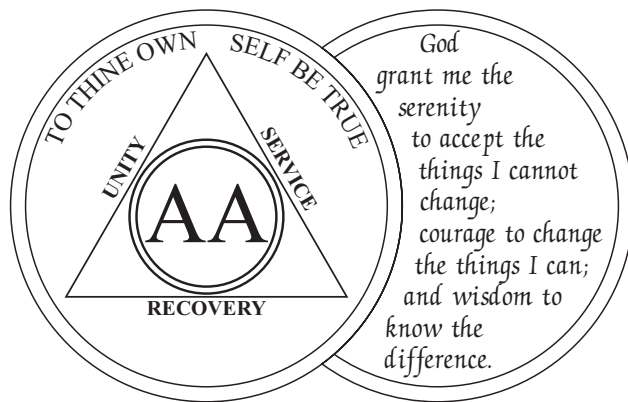


# TODAY

## Palm Beach County Intergroup Association

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.



June 2013

[www.aa-palmbeachcounty.org](http://www.aa-palmbeachcounty.org)

24 Hour AA Hotline 561-655-5700

### Conventions & Conferences

## 55th ICYPAA

JULY 11-14 PHOENIX, AZ

## Area 15 Quarterly

JULY 12-14 FORT MYERS

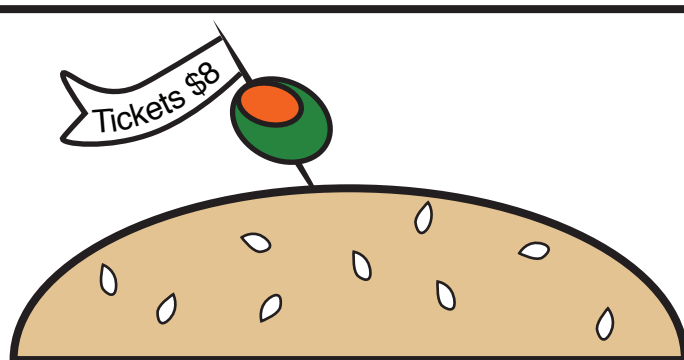
## FL State Conv.

JULY 24-28 TALLAHASSEE

## Women<sup>in</sup> Recovery

AUG. 16-18 DELRAY BEACH

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE PAGE 3



Join us for  
**Food, Fellowship & Fun**  
LIVE BANDS & VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

sign up for volleyball by contacting Tom G. at  
561-201-8603 or [galinc41@gmail.com](mailto:galinc41@gmail.com)

**SATURDAY** **JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>**

eleven am - six pm

@ **CARLIN PARK**

400 A1A in Jupiter, FL 33477  
Sea Oats and Gumbo Limbo Pavillions

Take I-95 to Indiantown Road, Go east on A1A  
Go South, Take first right and follow signs

*Is your group represented?*

*Join Intergroup today and get involved!*

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# Financial Reports

Palm Beach County Institutions  
Committee Operating Report  
5/1/2013 - 5/31/2013

Palm Beach County Intergroup Operating Report  
05/01/2013 - 05/31/2013

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$6,723.88</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Group Contributions	0
Event Income	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Printing	\$16.03
Rent	\$60.00
Literature	\$50.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$126.03</b>
<b>Monthly Profit/Loss:</b>	<b>-\$126.03</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$6,597.85</b>

<b>Revenues</b>	
Literature Sales	\$4,901.74
Sales Tax	296.49
Tax Exempt Sales	252.50
Group Contributions	2,296.51
Birthday Club Memberships	157.00
Meeting Baskets	52.53
Florida Roundup	266.75
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$8,223.52</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Literature Purchases	\$3,425.59
Sales Tax	312.79
Office Salary	2680.78
FICA & Unemployment Tax	205.09
Paychex(monthly fee)	72.00
Rent & Water	475.00
AT&T (Internet, Phone, Website)	273.19
FP&L	129.89
Exterminating	35.00
Printing	226.00
Office Supplies / Postage	152.71
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,988.04</b>
<b>Monthly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$235.48</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>\$14,849.89</b>
<b>Prudent Reserve Interest</b>	<b>\$0.44</b>
<b>Prudent Reserve Balance</b>	<b>\$17,539.92</b>

Office Activity for May

Requests for meetings info	170
12th Step requests	2
BTG	1
Other information	38
Public Information requests	-
Institutions Meeting requests	1
Visitors	255
Emails	217
<b>Total Activity</b>	<b>684</b>

Website Visits for May

Total Visits	4,584
1st Time Visitors	3,805
Returning Visitors	779

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### Intergroup Committees Need Volunteers

12 Step List • Bridging the Gap • Phone Volunteers • Institutions • Group Contact • Public Information  
Visit [www.aa-palmbeachcounty.org](http://www.aa-palmbeachcounty.org), click on "Committees" and email the committee chair of your choice  
or call the Intergroup office at 561-655-5700 to get involved today!

## Standing Meetings

**Institutions Committee** meets on the First Sunday of every month at the Triangle Club at 1369 Okeechobee Road, West Palm Beach. For those interested in becoming involved, there is a mandatory orientation at 4:30 p.m. in Serenity room, which precedes our general meeting at 5:00 p.m. The Institutions Committee is always looking for volunteers. Join us, a great way to pass it on.

**Intergroup** meets at 6:15 pm on the Second Wednesday of every month at the Intergroup Office, 1371 Okeechobee Rd., West Palm Beach. Visitors are welcome. For more information please call the Intergroup Office at 655-5700.

**District 8 General Service** meets at the Triangle Club (1369 Okeechobee Rd, WPB) on the second Sunday this month @ 5:00 p.m.

Visitors are welcome. For more information please go to [www.district8area15aa.com](http://www.district8area15aa.com) or call the Intergroup Office at 655-5700.

Visit our recently re-designed website and read the TODAY at [www.aa-palmbeachcounty.org](http://www.aa-palmbeachcounty.org)

Go to "Resources" & click on "Today"

# TODAY

Is looking for submissions  
email us at  
[today@aa-palmbeachcounty.org](mailto:today@aa-palmbeachcounty.org)



## Upcoming Events

**June 8th** Founder's Day Dinner 2013 hosted by General Service District 8. Celebrate AA's 78th Anniversary at the Finland House (301 Finlandia Blvd, Lantana). Tickets \$10, meeting is free. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m., Speakers/Meeting at 8:00 p.m. Contact Kevin D. at [altchair@district8area15aa.org](mailto:altchair@district8area15aa.org) for info

**July 11th–14th** 55th ICYPAA in Phoenix, Arizona. Info available at [www.55th.icypaa.org](http://www.55th.icypaa.org)

**July 12th–14th** Area 15 Quarterly at the Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa in Fort Myers, Florida hosted by District 7 (Lee County). Registration Friday 4:00–8:30 p.m.; Saturday 8:00 a.m.–8:30 p.m.; Sunday 7:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m. Visit <http://district8area15aa.org/Calendar.aspx> to download flyer.

**July 24–July 28** 2013 Florida State Convention, Jacksonville PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES → Friday Night Buffet | Saturday Night Banquet | Golf Tournament | Workshops | Dances & Entertainment | 5k Run/Walk | Ice Cream Socials | Non-English Speaking Meetings | Young People Meetings | Old Timers Meeting | Archives | Speakers | Meditation Meetings | LGBT Meetings | Al-Anon & Alateen Meetings | For info: [www.57.flstateconvention.com](http://www.57.flstateconvention.com)

**July 27th** Palm Beach County Intergroup's Annual Picnic. Carlin Park from 11am-6pm. Tickets are \$8. For more details, please see page 1.

**August 16th–18th** "Women in Recovery – Secrets, Steps & Skills" at the Delray Beach Marriott Hotel. Get registration and information at: <http://thewomeninrecovery.com>

## Understanding Anonymity

*"Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities"*

What is the purpose of anonymity in Alcoholics Anonymous? Why is it often referred to as the greatest single protection the Fellowship has to assure its continued existence and growth?

If we look at the history of A.A., from its beginning in 1935 until now, it is clear that anonymity serves two different yet equally vital functions:

At the personal level, anonymity provides protection for all members from identification as alcoholics, a safeguard often of special importance to newcomers.

At the public level of press, radio, TV, films and other media technologies such as the Internet, anonymity stresses the equality in the Fellowship of all members by putting the brake on those who might otherwise exploit their A.A. affiliation to achieve recognition, power, or personal gain.

When using digital media, A.A. members are responsible for their own anonymity and that of others. When we post, text, or blog, we should assume that we are publishing at the public level. When we break our anonymity in these forums, we may inadvertently break the anonymity of others.

*-an excerpt from G.S.O.'s pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity"*

The full text can be viewed at:  
[http://www.aa.org/pdf/products/p-47\\_understandinganonymity.pdf](http://www.aa.org/pdf/products/p-47_understandinganonymity.pdf)

Every AA member has an individual way of working the program. Articles are not intended to be statements of the Palm Beach County Intergroup Association or A.A. policy, nor does publication of any article imply endorsement by either the Palm Beach County Intergroup Association, A.A. or the Today

# Birthday Club

## May Celebrants

Mike S. 3 years	Helen B. 23 years
Len G. 3 years	Geri L. 26 years
Donna M. 5 years	Mary D. 28 Years
Jaki N. 6 years	Cathy M. 29 years
Linda H. 8 years	Joyce C. 35 years
Daniel K. 10 years	Robert F. 38 years
Karen W. 19 years	Joan H. 40 years

## June Celebrants

Eric Y. 3 years	Pete K. 18 years
Connie Y. 4 years	Phil O'C 22 years
Karen L. 6 years	Lee B. 30 years
Charlie G. 7 years	Jack H. 31 years
Robert N. 10 years	Ned G. 33 years
Bill G. 13 years	Lea A. 57 years
Charlie O'B 17 years	

### JOIN THE BIRTHDAY CLUB!

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

You'll get:

Bill & Bob Medallion, Birthday Flyer and your Name printed 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

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

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Group: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

DONATION: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Deadline for new submission for TODAY printing is the last Wednesday one month prior to the month of your anniversary

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## Steps • Traditions • Concepts

**Step 6:** Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

**Tradition 6:** An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several A.A. beds in our local hospital?
2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for A.A.s familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available for free from GSO)?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Some alcoholics will stay around A.A. only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?

**Concept 6:** The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

- Are we familiar with how our General Service Board (G.S.B.) Class A and Class B trustees serve A.A.?
- Are we clear about the terms "chief initiative" and "active responsibility"? Can we see a direct link to our home group? ▲

## Going Abroad?

Staying connected to Alcoholics Anonymous while traveling is a difficulty faced by many of our fellowship not only during summer, but every day. Whether for business or pleasure, at some time in our sobriety we find ourselves altering our normal schedules and venturing into uncharted territory.

Thankfully, General Services estimates that the AA way of life is now practiced in over 150 countries around the world. Wherever you go, there is a good chance that you will be able to find AA.

So if you are traveling this summer (or any time!) please visit [http://www.aa.org/lang/en/en\\_pdfs/smf-165\\_en.pdf](http://www.aa.org/lang/en/en_pdfs/smf-165_en.pdf) to find meetings available in your area.

Visit the appropriate national AA website or contact the local Intergroup to find out about meetings at your destination.