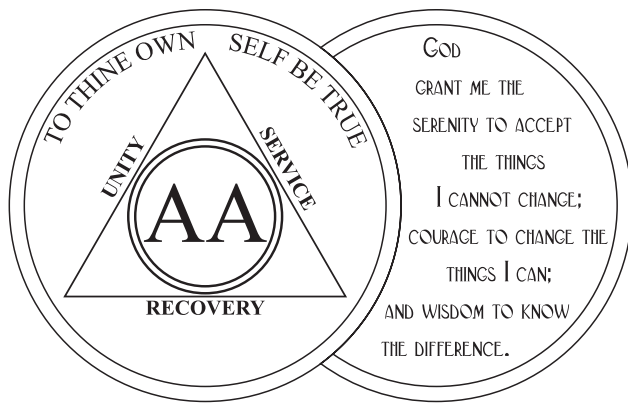


TODAY

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.



October 2016

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Service Pays in Many Ways

A young woman dives into service and learns the ropes from many old-timers

I was scared and unsure of what was to be expected of me in my new Appointed Committee Member (ACM) role. I knew this was an important meeting for AA as a whole and I didn't want to misrepresent my fellow Alcoholics, especially being young and representing the younger members of AA. As I walked into the grand foyer of the hotel you could hear the laughter and greetings of long lost friends getting reacquainted. The stir was exciting as you felt the energy of anticipation for the week to come. It was the 57th annual Alcoholics Anonymous Conference held in New York City. The heart of the action on what happens within AA. Reading about it from the service manual to actually being there seemed so surreal. Who would have thought I would ever be there???

Coming from the suburbs of Waukesha, Wis., I felt a bit overwhelmed with the large city and the magnitude of the meeting. As I looked around, I realized I was one of the few who entered this meeting as a young women in her 30s. The average age of delegates that attended was 55. I felt a bit out of place not knowing anyone and did not look like the norm that was attending. I continued to do what I do best: try to meet new people and get out of my head. Thank goodness for those basics!

I attended the luncheon and sat down next to an elderly man that had "Artist" on his badge. I didn't realize that AA had an artist at the conference. As I began to inquire about his presence he told me an amazing story. From being a professional courtroom sketch artist to the conference artist had been a long journey. This man had met Bill W., our co-founder, at a meeting down the street in Manhattan. To my amazement he told wonderful stories about what it use to be like back then. As the lunch came to an end we were asked to come into the opening

ceremonies of the conference. The theme—Our Twelfth Step—"Are we going to any lengths?" A resounding "No" was announced at the podium from a class A trustee that was rotating off this year. You could have heard a pin drop. He went on to state that there are areas of AA that have not been touched and that it is our duty, especially at this conference to continually search out new ways to reach others. Stressed in his speech, to have the governing traditions and concepts help guide us and allow the conference to act, as it was set up many years before, on its conscience. This speech moved me and gave me a wave of warmth that our program is entrusted in safe hands.

As a young girl growing up in this AA world, I had been to many young peoples conferences. My journey began 1990 in Bloomington, Illinois, at a hotel for ISCYPAA, which stands for Illinois State Conference for Young People in AA. Much to my surprise these two very different events had a similar theme threaded through them. An excitement and love for the fellowship along with a true dedication of service to keeping a fellowship running that changes lives. As I continued to look around at the opening ceremony, I noticed an older man with a lanyard around his neck heavily filled with buttons and pins he had collected over many years. As the day continued delegates were giving out gifts to each other in many forms, bookmarks, pins, and buttons to proudly represent their state. I laughed to myself and thought, these older members are just like the rest of us youngins—happy and proud to be a sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous. I can't tell you how many young people's conferences I have been to, and there is always someone running around with a ton of pins on a lanyard

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Financial Reports

Palm Beach County Institutions Committee Operating Report 9/01/2016 - 9/31/2016

Opening Balance Operating	\$1,576.32
Opening Balance Prudent Reserve	\$11,773.26
Revenues	
Group Donations	\$600.52
Interest	\$0.28
Big Book Ball	\$496.80
Total Revenues	\$1,097.60
Expenses	
Bank Charge	\$3.00
Rent	\$60.00
Literature	\$1,558.00
Printing	\$84.54
Total Expenses	\$1,705.54
Monthly Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(607.94)
Closing Balance Operating	\$2,503.10
Closing Balance Prudent Reserve	\$10,298.54



**What
have you
volunteered
for lately?**



Palm Beach County Intergroup Operating Report 6/01/2016 - 6/30/2016

Opening Balance Checking		\$17,392.52
Revenues		
Literature Sales	\$4,980.37	
Sales Tax	298.98	
Tax Exempt Sales	59.50	
Group Contributions	4,076.58	
Today Subscriptions	6.00	
Birthday Club Memberships	106.00	
Meeting Baskets	69.50	
Total Revenues		\$9,596.93
Expenses		
Literature Purchases	\$4,377.95	
Sales Tax	266.12	
Credit Card Fees	23.06	
Office Salary	3,604.35	
FICA & Unemployment Tax	275.70	
Paychex(monthly fee)	83.00	
Health Insurance	264.33	
Rent & Water	475.00	
AT&T (Internet, Phone, Website)	329.91	
FP&L	167.28	
Exterminating	37.00	
Office Supplies / Postage	236.41	
Total Expenses		\$10,140.11
Monthly Surplus / (Deficit)		\$(543.18)
Balance Checking		\$16,849.34
Contribution to GSB		\$3,500.00
Closing Balance Checking		\$13,349.34
Opening Balance Prudent Reserve		\$17,539.31
Prudent Reserve Interest		0.38
Closing Balance Prudent Reserve		\$17,539.69

We are in the process of bringing the Financial Report to current

K.I.S.S.

Keep It Service Sweetheart

Website Visits for September

Unique Visitors	8,080
1st Time Visitors	6,254
Returning Visitors	1,826

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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! This is 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 @ 4:00 p.m.

Visitors are welcome. For more information please go to www.district8area15aa.com or call the Intergroup Office at 655-5700.

Upcoming Events

October 27-30 30th Annual Promises in Paradise Convention

St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
info:www.promisesinparadise.com

November 3 - 6 Intergroup/Central Office/A.A.W.S./Grapevine Seminar Kansas City, MO www.kc-aa.org

November 18 - 20 National A.A. Technology Workshop (NAATW) Winston, Salem, NC www.naatw.org

December 2 - 4 Southeast Regional Forum Lake Mary

Service Seekers
Stay Sober

Upcoming Events

Marriott - 1501 International Pkwy Lake Mary, FL 32746
Flyer at: <http://district8area15aa.org>
go to calendar
Contact: serfnfac2016@gmail.com

July 27 - July 30 2017 61st Florida State Convention Hyatt Regency Waterfront Jacksonville, Florida 32241 www.floridastateconvention.com/

July 2-5, 2020 Celebrating A.A.'s 85th Anniversary Will be in Detroit, Michigan. Name That Theme For the 2020 International Convention— Deadline 10/3/16 Send your ideas to: International Conventions Assignment, P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163, or 2020ictheme@aa.org.

Group and meeting location changes

Effective immediately. Under the where and when listing "Groups @ 919 Club" the 12 & 12 Downtown group, the Bar None group and First Things First group are no more. The Seagull Cottage group and the Unshakable Foundation group remain. Unshakable Foundation group is a women's group listing.

Look to this Day (Tuesday, 9 am, Club Oasis) group needs support. come on by for a morning meeting.



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Service Pays

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or a hat that has them just like this delegate I spotted.

I am no longer worried if I fit in at this level of service work. I do. And so does anyone regardless of age who has the love and passion of keeping this fellowship running by its conscience. For the younger members reading this, I assure you these old-timers are just as goofy, fun and dedicated about their service work as any young peoples conference I have had the privilege of working on ... the difference is, they know when to go to bed!

—Tina H., Waukesha, Wis.

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Service is a way of life

Join an Intergroup Committee!

- 12 Step List
- Bridging the Gap
- Group Contact
- Phone Volunteers
- Institutions
- Public Information

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A Tenth Step Prayer

I pray I may continue: To grow in understanding & effectiveness; To take daily spot check inventories of myself; To correct mistakes when I make them; To take responsibility for my actions; To be ever aware of my negative & Self-defeating attitudes & behaviors; To keep my willfulness in check; To always remember I need Your help; To keep love and tolerance of others as my code; and To continue in daily prayer how I can best serve You, My Higher Power.

Steps • Traditions • Concepts

Step 10: Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Tradition 10: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

1. Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen?
2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the "AA opinion"?
3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
4. Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?
5. What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
6. Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?

Concept 10: Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

1. Do we understand "authority" and "responsibility" as they relate to group conscience decisions by G.S.R.s, D.C.M.s and our area delegates?
2. Why is delegation of "authority" so important to the overall effectiveness of A.A.? Do we use this concept to define the scope of "authority?" ▲

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and Go To Meetings*

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Birthday Club

September Anniversaries

Bernice S	1 year	Ann C	17 years
Stephanie C	8 years	Bernard W	19 years
Wendy S	9 years	Cathy C	20 years
Denise C	9 years	Angela P	26 years
Patricia H	10 years	Ed B	27 years
Claudia M	10 years	Mark H	31 years
Kevin D	11 years	Shipwreck John H	
Janice R	16 Years	45 years	

October Anniversaries

Ella N	3 years	JoAnn R	17 years
Susan P	4 years	Jorge A	22 years
Christine H	8 years	Shane B	24 years
Ashley O	9 years	Howie F	29 years
Greg F	11 years	Helen O	30 years
Steven B	12 years	Lane K	40 years

First Things First