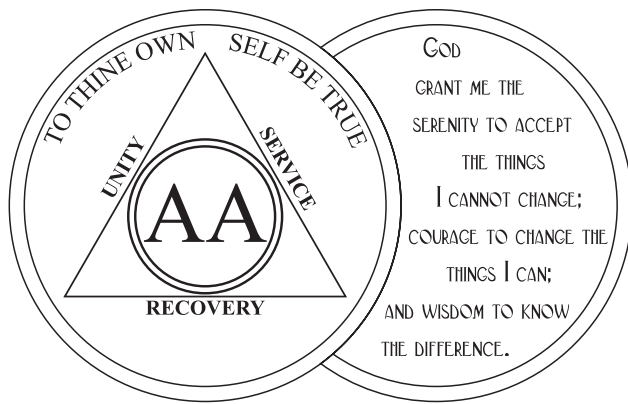


TODAY

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.



November 2016

www.aa-palmbeachcounty.org

24 Hour AA Hotline 561-655-5700

I Was Becoming My Own Higher Power

A member got so involved in service, she forgot her primary purpose.

Around my fifth or sixth year of sobriety, life was good, beyond my wildest dreams, and it still is thanks to AA and my higher power. When I had five years of sobriety, I was told, “You got your marbles back, now you have to learn how to use them.” As a matter of fact, my service sponsor actually gave me marbles. I had a sponsor, a service sponsor and a sponsee. I was an active member of my home group. I was the GSR. I was going to district meetings, area assemblies, mini conferences, conventions—you name it. I was carrying out our primary purpose. AA told me, “Our primary purpose is to stay sober, and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.” I believed that I certainly had that covered. I was sober and doing all this service work and sponsoring. I was helping the newcomer and giving back to AA. It certainly seem to me that I had a “lock” on this, until an old-timer, who also happens to be my grandsponsor, pointed out that I was not being open, that I was closing myself off from AA.

Well, what was she talking about, I thought. I’m sober and I am doing all this service work. How could she say that to me? What a resentment I had. It lasted about a year too. The good news is that with my sponsor’s help and what she and AA had taught me about resentments and my grandsponsor, who continued to love me unconditionally, I finally got over it, especially because my grandsponsor was correct. I had forgotten a very important part of our primary purpose and that is... I am also the “other alcoholic” who still needs help achieving sobriety, a sobriety that was and still is achieved only one day at a time with the help of AA (those other alcoholics). I was so busy doing service work and sticking my hand out to the new person that I was not grabbing hold of the hand of sobriety that came before me, the hand that

was so freely passing it on to me. I was not remaining teachable. Not only was I short-changing myself and the person I was sticking my hand out to, but I was becoming my own Higher Power. What an eye-opener that was. Thank God for the wisdom of those other alcoholics. They save my life.

Recently when I heard a fellow alcoholic say that something AA wanted to do, something that would help my sobriety, was against AA’s primary purpose I realized yet another lesson. Not only is it very important I never forget I’m also the “other alcoholic” that needs help achieving sobriety, but my life depends on you remembering that I am too.

—Loretta C., Mahwah, N.J.



Financial Reports

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

Opening Balance Operating	\$2,503.10
Opening Balance Prudent Reserve	\$10,298.54
Revenues	
Group Donations	\$132.70
Interest	\$0.26
Big Book Ball	\$1,008.97
Total Revenues	\$1,141.93
Expenses	
Bank Charge	\$3.00
Rent	-
Big Book Ball	\$1,592.50
Literature	-
Printing	\$ 56.99
Total Expenses	\$1,652.49
Monthly Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(510.56)
Closing Balance Operating	\$1,967.48
Closing Balance Prudent Reserve	\$10,323.80

Join an Intergroup Committee!

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

Visit www.aa-palmbeachcounty.org or call
561-655-5700 for more information.

Office Activity for October	
Requests for meetings info	86
12th Step requests	1
BTG	-
Other information	35
Public Information requests	2
Institutions Meeting requests	-
Visitors	190
Emails	130
Total Activity	544

Website Visits for September	
Unique Visitors	7,663
1st Time Visitors	5,929
Returning Visitors	1,734

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

Opening Balance Checking		\$6,624.92
Revenues		
Literature Sales	\$3,939.97	
Sales Tax	240.12	
Group Contributions	3,399.72	
Birthday Club Memberships	143.00	
Meeting Baskets	42.50	
Total Revenues		\$7,765.31
Expenses		
Literature Purchases	\$5,393.57	
Sales Tax	228.77	
Bank Service Fee	24.00	
Credit Card Fees	33.28	
Office Salary	2,883.48	
FICA & Unemployment Tax	220.56	
Paychex(monthly fee)	83.00	
Health Insurance	264.33	
Master Monitoring Annual Charge	276.00	
Repair & Maintenance	100.00	
Rent & Water	475.00	
AT&T (Internet, Phone, Website)	349.62	
FP&L	170.13	
Exterminating	74.00	
Printing	231.00	
Office Supplies / Postage	78.63	
Transposition Adjustment	900.00	
Total Expenses		\$11,785.37
Monthly Surplus / (Deficit)		\$(4,020.06)
Prudent Reserve Transfer		\$4,000.00
Closing Balance Checking		\$6,604.86
Opening Balance Prudent Reserve		\$17,540.83
Prudent Reserve Transfer		\$(4,000.00)
Prudent Reserve Interest		0.18
Closing Balance Prudent Reserve		\$13,541.01

K.I.S.S.

Keep It Service Sweetheart

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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

November 13 and 27 The Big Book Ball Committee will be meeting at 5:30 PM at Intergroup. Please bring friends and fellow volunteers.

We will be meeting in person 2x per month. We will be meeting at the Intergroup office on the following Sundays at 5:30PM, please put them into your calendar now.

November 13 and 27

December 11 & 18,

Topics to discuss:

- More volunteers!
- Announcements!
- Ticket sales!

Service Seekers
Stay Sober

Upcoming Events

- Posting flyers!
- Decorations!
- Signing people up for preparation responsibilities!
- Signing people up for Day of responsibilities!
- Community support!

In case you can't make it you can call in - since we don't have a professional speaker system it will be difficult for callers to give input:

Dial in: (712) 770-4010

Access code: 735653

Best, Alexander

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

November 24 Delray Central House Group Thanksgiving Day Feast

Anniversary Meeting moved to the 17th @ 7:00 PM

andrewberzak@gmail.com

December 2 - 4 Southeast Regional Forum Lake Mary Marriott - 1501 International Pkwy Lake Mary, FL 32746
Flyer at: <http://district8area15aa.org/go/calendar>

Contact: serfnfac2016@gmail.com

January 6-8, 2017 Area 15 Quarterly Assembly Hyatt

Regency Sarasota 1000 Boulevard of the Arts Sarasota, Florida, USA, 34236

Phone: 941-953-1234

Reservations: 1-888-421-1442 Reference "South FL Area General Service"

Contact Quarterly Chair

Text please or call Jim R 239-699-7374 or District7quarterlychair@gmail.com

May 11-14, 2017

Big Book Seminar, Boca Raton

www.bigbookseminar.org

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

Upcoming Events

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.

An Eleventh Step Prayer

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace! That where there is hatred, I may bring love. That where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness. That where there is discord, I may bring harmony. That where there is error, I may bring truth. That where there is doubt, I may bring faith. That where there is despair, I may bring hope. That where there are shadows, I may bring light. That where there is sadness, I may bring joy. Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort, than to be comforted. To understand, than to be understood. To love, than to be loved. For it is by self-forgetting that one finds. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven.

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Steps • Traditions • Concepts



Step 11: Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

Tradition 11: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

1. Do I sometimes promote AA so fanatically that I make it seem unattractive?
2. Am I always careful to keep the confidences reposed in me as an AA member?
3. Am I careful about throwing AA names around—even within the Fellowship?
4. Am I ashamed of being a recovered, or recovering, alcoholic?
5. What would AA be like if we were not guided by the ideas in Tradition Eleven? Where would I be?

Concept 11: The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

1. Do we understand how the roles of nontrustee directors and nontrustee appointed committee members help serve and strengthen the committee system?
2. How do we encourage our special paid workers to exercise their traditional “Right of Participation?” ▲

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 Sandy 
 reach out until you do.*

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**Does your group have an upcoming AA event?
 Send your submissions to
today@aa-palmbeachcounty.org**

Birthday Club

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

November Anniversaries

Cindi F	5 years	Donald H	27 years
Rich S	8 years	Gary B	27 years
Karen D	9 years	Susan D	27 years
George A	11 years	Catherine M	31 years
Margo S	16 years		

One Day at a Time

First Things First