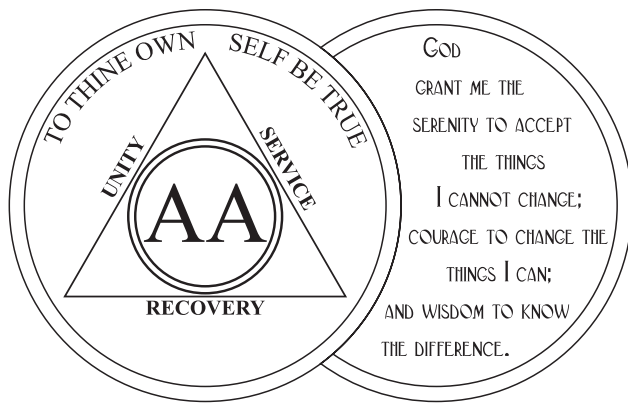


# TODAY

## 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 2017

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

24 Hour AA Hotline 561-655-5700

## The Spiritual Angle of AA

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It was clear to Bill from the first, I take it, that Dr. Jung's simple declaration that science knew no answer, and Dr. Silk worth's incalculable help from the medical angle, and William James' great wisdom in "Varieties of Religious Experience" still left the great need for a spiritual factor which would create a synthesis and offer a dynamic motive to sobriety. The problem was how to translate the spiritual experience into universal terms without letting it evaporate into mere ideals and generalities.

And so, immediately after Step One, which concerned the unmanageableness of life as some of us had been living it, came Step Two: we "came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity." The basis of this belief was not theoretical, it was evidential. Before us were people in whose lives the beginnings of a transformation had taken place. You could question the interpretation of the experience, but you could not question the transformation itself. In Acts 3 and 4 is the story of the healing of a lame man by Peter and John. A lot of the ecclesiastics wanted to know how it came about. The apostles told them it was through the name of Christ that the man was healed. And it says, "And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it." You can fight a theory about an experience, but you have to acknowledge the experience itself.

AA has been supremely wise to emphasize the reality of the experience, and to acknowledge that it came from a Higher Power than human, and then leave it at that.

It would have been easy, and must have been something of a temptation, to go into the theological business. Here the evidence was. It was evidence of a

Power. All right: then let's define the Power! But this would have struck against several possible difficulties. If they had said more, some people would have wanted them to say much more, and define God in the way most acceptable to them. It would only have taken two or three groups like this, dissenting from one another, to wreck the whole thing.

Moreover, there were people with an unhappy association with religion--a dead church or parson, some church-going people whose weekday lives did not support their Sunday professions; and this would have added a factor to be overcome in addition to those already present. Also there are the agnostics and atheists, who say they either do not know anything at all about ultimate realities in the universe; or else definitely disbelieve in any definable or reachable god. There are a good many people who disbelieve in God for emotional reasons. As Unamuno says, "those who deny God deny Him because of their despair at not finding Him."

For an outfit like AA to become dogmatic would have been fatal. So the founders stuck to the inescapable experience, and told people to "turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him." That left the theory and the theology--very important as they are--to the churches to which people belonged. And if they belonged to no church, and could as yet hold no theory, then they must give themselves to the God they saw in other people. This is not a bad way to set in motion a spiritual experiment and the beginnings of a spiritual experience. Maybe it is what we all do when we let religion change over from a mere tradition to a living power.

-- Rev. Samuel M. Shoemaker  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

# Financial Reports

## Palm Beach County Institutions Committee Operating Report 05/01/2016 - 05 /31/2017

Opening Balance Operating	\$5,497.63
Opening Balance Prudent Reserve	\$12,601.50
<b>Revenues</b>	
Group Donations	\$429.52
Interest	\$0.32
Big Book Ball	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$429.84</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Bank Charge	\$3.00
Rent	-
Big Book Ball	-
Literature	-
Printing	\$68.76
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$71.76</b>
Monthly Surplus/(Deficit)	\$358.08
Closing Balance Operating	\$5,830.39
Closing Balance Prudent Reserve	\$12,626.82

### Office Activity for May

Requests for meetings info	79
12th Step requests	6
BTG	-
Other information	39
Public Information requests	2
Institutions Meeting requests	2
Visitors	194
Emails	239
<b>Total Activity</b>	<b>561</b>

### Website Visits for May

Unique Visitors	8,508
1st Time Visitors	6,704
Returning Visitors	1,804

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## Palm Beach County Intergroup Operating Report 5/01/2017 - 5/31/2017

Opening Balance Checking		\$9,629.46
<b>Revenues</b>		
Literature Sales	\$3,968.82	
Sales Tax	265.28	
Group Contributions	2,319.48	
"Today" Subscriptions	6.00	
Birthday Club Memberships	124.00	
Meeting Baskets	53.00	
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>\$6,736.58</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Literature Purchases	\$4,886.61	
Sales Tax	297.09	
Credit Card Fees	46.54	
Office Salary	2,882.48	
FICA & Unemployment Tax	220.56	
Paychex(monthly fee)	83.00	
Health Insurance	264.33	
Rent & Water	475.00	
AT&T (Internet, Phone, Website)	349.71	
FP&L	159.06	
Repairs & Maintenance	100.00	
Pye-Barker Fire & Safety (annual)	50.50	
Exterminating	37.00	
Printing	231.00	
Office Supplies / Postage	346.44	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$10,429.32</b>
Monthly Surplus / (Deficit)		<b>\$(3,692.74)</b>
Closing Balance Checking		\$5,936.72
Opening Balance Prudent Reserve		\$14,042.40
Prudent Reserve Interest		0.23
Closing Balance Prudent Reserve		\$14,042.63

K.I.S.S.

Keep It Service Sweetheart



## 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](http://www.district8area15aa.com) or call the Intergroup Office at 655-5700.

## Upcoming Events

### Locally Founder's Day Picnic

Coming in October

### Around the State July 21-23 Area 15 Quarterly Assembly

Sarasota Hyatt Regency at 1000 Boulevard of the Arts Sarasota, FL 34236, 941-953-1234

<http://area15aa.org/2017/04/14/july-21st-23rd-2017-area-quarterly-in-sarasota-hosted-by-district-4/>  
Reservations 1-888-421-1442

Reference South Florida General Service  
**July 27 - July 30 2017**

61st Florida State Convention  
Speakers

Beth H, Cary NC  
Chuck H, Cary NC  
Cindy S, Helotes TX  
Cushing P, Montgomery AL  
Heather G, Powell TN

## Upcoming Events

John S, Helotes TX  
Pat Y, Palm Desert CA  
Teresa F, Van Nuys CA

### Workshops

Rule 62

The (Higher) Power of Prayer  
We Agnostics & Free-Thinkers  
Our Primary Purpose  
Corrections – We Are  
Responsible

Archives: Our History

Hyatt Regency Waterfront  
Jacksonville, Florida 32241  
[www.floridastateconvention.com/](http://www.floridastateconvention.com/)

### Around the Country

**November 10-12**

### 4th Southern States Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (SSAASA)

Sheraton Atlanta Airport  
[www.area15aa.org](http://www.area15aa.org)

### Group Support

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

### Lake Worth Serenity Group

meets each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Visit us and you'll stay! Lots of sobriety and support ... for young and old. We're at Holy Spirit Church, 1000 E. Lantana Road, east of I-95 .

**Serenity on the Beach** Meets Sunday at 7:30 am or Friday at 7:00 pm Lantana Beach, North end of Public Beach. Bring your own chair and lotion.

### A 6th Step Prayer

God, Thank you for removing my fear and for showing me the truth about myself.

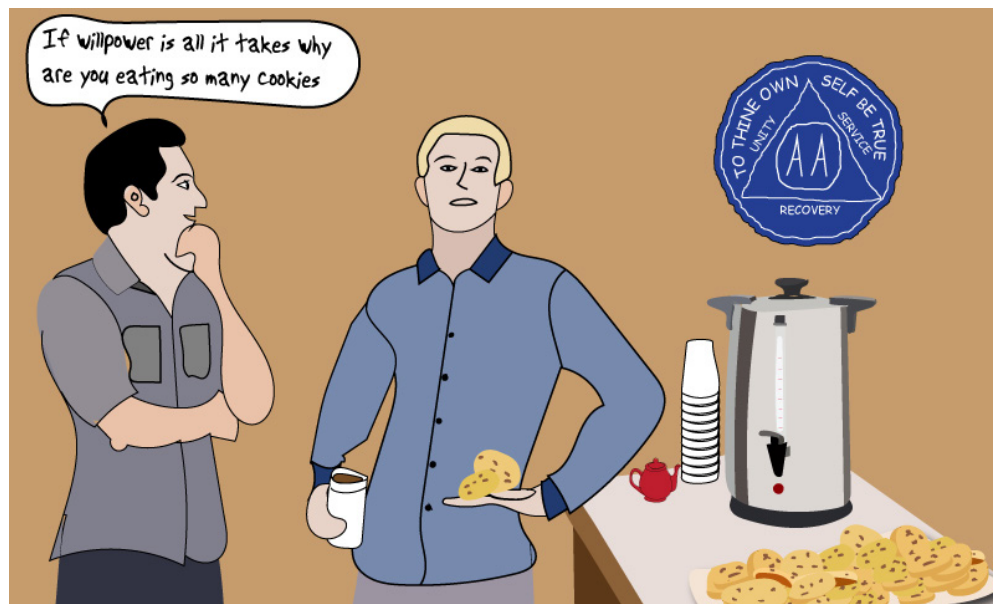
Father, I need your help to become willing to let go of the things in me which continue to block me off from you.

Please grant me you're Grace Lord and make me willing to have these objectionable characteristics, defects and shortcomings removed.

## VOLUNTEER

If you are waiting for a sign from God this could be it.

Go to  
[www.aa-palmbeachcounty.org](http://www.aa-palmbeachcounty.org)  
to get the Today  
online or email  
[pbcregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:pbcregistrar@gmail.com) with  
"Send Today to My Email"  
in the subject line to receive  
it via email.



## Steps • Traditions • Concepts

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

**Tradition 6:** An AA group ought never endorse, finance or lend the AA 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 AA 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 AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available 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 AA 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 familiar with how our other trusted servants serve A.A.?
- Are we clear about the terms "chief initiative" and "active responsibility"? Can we see a direct link to our home group? ▲

Keep it  
Service Silly

**Does your group have an  
upcoming AA event?  
Send your submissions to  
[today@aa-palmbeachcounty.org](mailto:today@aa-palmbeachcounty.org)**

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## 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](mailto: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

## Birthday Club

### May Anniversaries

Lara B.	6 years	John T.	27 years
Mike S.	7 years	James L.	27 years
Len G.	7 years	Geri L.	30 years
Donna M.	9 years	Mary D.	32 years
Jaki N.	10 years	Cathy M.	33 years
Linda H.	12 years	Maryann M.	35 years
Daniel K.	14 years	Joyce C-M.	39 years
Karen C.	23 years	Robert F.	42 years
Helen B.	27 years	Joan H.	44 years

### June Anniversaries

Connie Y.	8 years	Phil O.	26 years
Karen L.	10 years	Lee B.	34 years
Charlie G.	11 years	Jack H.	35 years
Bill G.	17 years	Dori S.	36 years
Charlie O.	21 years	Annette K.	37 years

