



Today

September

2010

Palm Beach County Intergroup Association

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9 Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Mark your calendars

Potluck Dinner

Saturday, September 18th
Finland House
301 West Central Blvd.
Lantana, FL 33462
Dinner 6pm / Speaker 7:45pm

Guest Speaker
Don P.
Naples, FL



Tickets \$8
Limited Seating Only
500 tickets

Please Bring a covered dish if you can.

BIG BOOK STEP / STUDY WORKSHOP

September 11th & 12th
8:30 – 4:30 PM

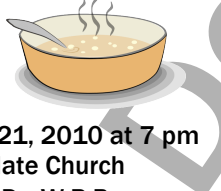


@ The Triangle Club
Serenity Room
1369 Okeechobee Rd.
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Sponsored by
"The Good Morning Group"
Participants are asked to bring their Big Book
a book will be provided if needed.
This is a great opportunity to experience the Steps according to the Big Book.

Friends of Bill W. 7th Anniversary

- * 2 Guest Speakers
- * Potluck Dinner
- * Fellowship



Tuesday September 21, 2010 at 7 pm
Mary Immaculate Church
500 Spencer Dr. W.P.B.



I try to fix things if I can.

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Office Activity in July

- Requests for meeting info - 178
 - 12 Step Requests - 7
 - Other program info - 25
 - Institutions - 0
 - Public Information - 3
 - Visitors - 192
 - AA Emails - 7
- Total: 412**



We have posted the proposed new By-Laws on our website www.aa-palmbeachcounty.org/misc/New-proposed-By-Laws-Final.pdf
Please review for comment.

Service Schedule

- 10/17 - GSR Meeting 5:00pm
- 10/6 - Steering Committee Meeting 6:15pm
- 10/3 - Institutions Volunteer Orientation 4:30pm
- 10/3 - Institutions Committee Meeting 5:00pm
- 10/13 Intergroup Meeting 6:15pm

Website Visits in July

- 1st time visits - 1,673
 - Return visits - 418
- Total Visitors - 2,091**

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.

Intergroup Meeting Minutes for August 4, 2010

Alex A. called the meeting to order at 6:15pm followed by the Serenity prayer and the reading of the 12 Traditions.

Welcome New Representatives: Brian/ Pass it on Men's Group, Mark/ Back to the Book

Vice Chair's Report: Steve Y. September 18th: Our 34th Annual Intergroup Potluck Dinner will be held @ Finland House, 301 Central Blvd, Lantana, FL 33462. Dinner starts @ 6pm and speaker @ 7:45pm. Tickets are \$8 and please bring a covered dish. Guest speaker: Don P. from Naples, FL. We are awaiting a vote from the groups to see if they want to participate in this year's alcathons: Christmas Eve and New Years Eve, to be held at the Intergroup meeting room.

Secretary's Report: Karen L. - Motion made to accept minutes as printed in the Today. Passed

Treasurer's Report: Henry M. - Our monthly revenue for July 2010 was **\$9839.80** with expenses being **\$8256.33** leaving us with a surplus of **\$1583.47** and **\$5354.42** in our Operating Account. One of our out of the ordinary expenses was an Annual Insurance Payment made to the office manager in the amount of **\$1500.00** the agreed upon amount to be paid after satisfactory completion of a 90 day probationary period. We also began to make payments to the IRS in an effort to clear up the last of interest and penalties from **Q4 2008**. Our first payment was in the amount of **\$305.00, \$105.00** of which was a user fee charged to set up the payment plan. Our monthly payments will be for no less than **\$200.00** until this debt has been paid on before **April 15, 2011**. Through group support, service, and the diligence of our office we were able to transfer **\$1000.00** to our Prudent Reserve making our current Prudent Reserve balance **\$4,640.25** an amount that is still **(\$19,359.75)** below our three month prudent reserve of **\$24,000.00**. In **July of 2009** our revenue was **\$9236.11** and expenses were **\$10,035.48** leaving a monthly deficit of **(\$799.37)**. Our Prudent Reserve balance was **\$12,389.39** at that time. Group Contributions accounted for **\$4093.17** of our revenue for **July 2009**. Group Contributions for **July 2010** were **\$4747.82** for an increase **\$654.65**. Thank's to all the groups for your continued support.

Committee Reports:

1. General Service/Intergroup Liaison: (Open) Larry M. volunteered

2. Office Manager: Ed Bednarz - We have the following openings for office volunteers for Monday 9 - 1 PM and Wednesday & Friday 9 - 1 PM from August 11 to August 20. We could also use back-up office volunteers for vacation coverage. The office volunteers sell literature, answer the phone and assist with any special projects. If you decide to volunteer bring a book or your laptop. We have a wireless router so you can have free Internet access. The dog days of summer are here in South Florida. The total office activity for July was 412 compared to 505 last year. In spite of the reduced activity we had a surplus of \$1,583.47. The activity is broken down as follows: 178 meeting information calls, 7 - 12th Step requests, 25 requests for other program information, 3 request for public information, 192 visitors to the office, and 7 emails for meeting information or other information. We have plenty of "Where & When's" for sale, as well as Conference Approved literature and pamphlets. If you would like to volunteer at the office, please call the Intergroup Office at 655-5700.

3. Public Information: (Open) Martina R. volunteered

4. 12 Step List: Nick F. The Palm Beach County Intergroup 12th Step List Committee Report for August, 2010: The List is updated. There is a need for volunteers who speak/understand Spanish and Creole. Also women who can make in-person 12th Step calls. I am attaching a flyer explaining being a volunteer on the 12th Step List. I did not place my name on the flyer, so it will always appear current. The flyer will be available at the Intergroup office. Feel free to bring one to your home group.

5. Phone Volunteer: (open)- Luz C. - First I'd like to thank all volunteers that are helping keep the hot-line functional. All positions are filled. Regarding new volunteers, we are always in need of back-ups, and we will need volunteers for upcoming holidays and events, whenever the Intergroup office will be closed, or to cover other volunteers vacations, etc. Anyone interested please contact me through my e-mail: scimitar2127@hotmail.com (please put "phones" on subject).

6. Today: Mark P. Everything looks good.

7. B-Day Club/Today: Pat D. - 1 new birthday subscription and 0 for Today

8. Website Committee: Larry M. - No report/no changes/setting up PDF link

9. Group Contact Committee: Hugh H. - Going well. Checking out new meetings.

10. Bridging the Gap: Ashley N. - 6 BTG'S this month. Brochures on BTG will be brought to next steering committee meeting.

11. Institution Committee: Wendy - Your Institutions Committee currently brings 103 meetings a week to 37 facilities, we had 15 new volunteers join in the month of August. There are still plenty of opportunities for all interested in this rewarding service work. We particularly need volunteers who are willing to go through the clearance process and take meetings into the county jail and state prisons. Plan to attend our regular meeting at the Triangle Club on Sunday, September 5th, orientation is at 4:30 pm followed by the full committee meeting at 5:00pm. New volunteers need to have six months of continuous sobriety and observe 2 meetings in facilities prior to active service. Hope to see you at our general meeting.

12. Where & When Committee: Meredith - Piggy backing with Hugh. Adding a link to website. Need help.

Ad-Hoc Committee for reviewing Intergroup By-Laws: Gary B. Dear Trusted Servants of Palm Beach County Intergroup: Six months ago we were asked by you to form a committee to review and recommend revisions to the current Bylaws that direct your current service activities and business operations. At the March 2010 meeting of Intergroup the committee reported that they felt that the guidelines that direct our activities are incomplete and extremely vague in defining the responsibilities of our Trusted Servants and our Office Manager. With this in mind, we set upon the task of rewriting the Bylaws. Over the next several months we consulted with the current Officers and Committee Chairperson's concerning their individual responsibilities and the minimum service experience they felt was necessary to perform their duties. We also reached out to numerous Intergroup's locally as well as nationally and requested information concerning how they structure their Intergroup Association. The following pages represent the sum of our service to you. We feel that this document is a flexible, breathing instrument that can guide our service efforts for many years to come. It is also felt that it can be easily amended to adjust to the changes in our fellowship. It has been our goal to maintain the spirit of The Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous to guide us in our efforts. It has been our humble privilege to have served you. We are available to meet with you to explain our reasoning concerning the deliberations that has brought about this completed proposal of the Palm Beach County Intergroup Bylaws.

Unfinished Business:

Potluck Dinner- September 18th- Finland House. Tickets on sale for \$8.

Bake Sale/ Open House-November 2010

Unity Breakfast -January 2011- Trying to get w/ South County

Concepts Panel- Traditions Chair for the district. Henry M. volunteered to help

Business Discussed:

Steering Committee meeting moved to the 1st Wednesday of the month/ Intergroup meeting moved to the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Alcathon- December 24th-25th and December 31st - January 1st. Reps will bring back to groups to see if they want to participate. Slots will be drawn in November.

Meetings at Hospitals : changes in security procedures.

From The Floor:

Intergroup suggested we put a disclaimer in the Where & When's stating meetings @ Hospitals may be subject to ID check using an * next to the meeting. Motion was made and voted on 28 for and 1 against.

Today

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Palm Beach County Intergroup Operating Report - 07/01/2010 - 07/30/2010

Revenues:

Literature Sales	\$3,970.36
Sales Tax	256.97
Tax Exempt Sales	223.40
Group Contributions	4,747.82
Picket Tickets	80.00
Picnic Revenues	156.00
Today Memberships	-
Birthday Club Memberships	231.55
Meeting Basket	93.70
Bowling for Big Books	80.00
Total Revenues:	<u>\$9839.80</u>

Expenses:

Literature Purchases	\$2,062.95
Sales Tax	247.18
Office Salary	2,618.52
FICA & Unemployment Tax	66.05
Paychex(monthly fee)	59.00
Health Insurance (annual)	1,500.00
IRS Installment Payment Plan	305.00
Repairs & Maintenance	39.54
Rent & Water	475.00
AT&T (Internet, Phone, Website)	310.67
FP&L	172.25
Exterminating	35.00
Printing	108.90
Office Supplies / Postage	256.27
Total Expenses	<u>\$8,256.33</u>
Monthly Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>\$1583.47</u>
Checking Account Balance	<u>\$5354.42</u>
Prudent Reserve Balance	<u>\$4640.25</u>
Transferred to Prudent Reserve	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

Operating Report 7/1/10-7/31/10

Beginning Balance	\$11,192.99
Income:	
Group Contributions	
Days End Group	\$60.00
Tiki Hut Group	\$70.17
Total Contributions	\$130.17
Total Contributions	\$141.00
Total Income	\$130.17
Expenses:	
Bank Charge	\$0.00
Big Books	\$0.00
Printing	\$0.00
Rent	\$60.00
Total Expenses	\$60.00
Monthly Profit/Loss	\$70.17
Ending Balance	\$11,263.16

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.

Palm Beach County Intergroup

Operating Report - 08/01/2010 - 08/31/2010

Revenues:

Literature Sales	\$3,742.86
Sales Tax	241.64
Tax Exempt Sales	154.25
Group Contributions	3,438.80
Potluck Dinner Tickets (See attached)	144.00
Picnic Tickets	24.00
Today Memberships	12.00
Birthday Club Memberships	149.00
Meeting Basket	138.15
Memorial Contribution	376.00
Total Revenues:	\$8,420.70

Expenses:

Literature Purchases	\$1,776.70
Sales Tax	250.55
Potluck Dinner Expenses	1,749.51
Office Salary	1,961.53
FICA & Unemployment Tax	28.45
Paychex(monthly fee)	59.00
IRS Installment Payment Plan	500.00
Repairs & Maintenance	-
Rent & Water	475.00
AT&T (Internet, Phone, Website)	308.99
FP&L	171.94
Exterminating	35.00
Printing	108.40
Office Supplies / Postage	64.02
Total Expenses	\$7,489.09
Monthly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$931.61
Checking Account Balance	\$5,786.03
Transferred to Prudent Reserve	500.00
Prudent Reserve Balance	\$5,140.47

Groups may announce sponsored events
in the Today.
Call the Intergroup Office
655-5700

From Your Intergroup Officers: "Seeking Your Vote"

We at Intergroup are asking for your vote and participation. We also need your voice and experience to help Intergroup serve the Groups and Members in our area.

Over the past 6 months, 2 committees have been meeting to look into how we can better carry the message. Those committees came to the conclusion that our current By Laws are vague and were written in such a way, that they allowed decisions and votes to be made which did not include the input of the majority of the groups in Northern Palm Beach County. In the light of this discovery, a committee was formed to revamp our current By Laws. That committee has produced a document which suggests that many changes need to be made in our current practice.

Over the next few months, Group Reps will be voting on revising our current By Laws to help us function more as a collective body and carry the message effectively. We will be planning our 44th Annual Alcathon over the holiday season, and we will be discussing if the Intergroup Office should relocate and if so, to where. These are but just a few items that we believe in fact, need an informed group conscience in order to provide maximum service to those we serve. With over 300 Groups in our area, average participation is only 20 to 30 Group Representatives in attendance at the monthly Intergroup meetings, we are asking you and your group to get active and place your vote!

Concept 4 suggests there be a right of participation, while Concept 1 reminds us that final responsibility and ultimate authority resides in the collective conscience of the whole fellowship.

The doors have stayed open, the phones continue to get answered, and the message is getting carried, but we need your help and participation if we are to continue to go forward and grow. Our individual recovery depends upon our unity. WE NEED YOU!! More than we need your money! Please attend the next Intergroup meeting, volunteer to be your Group's Rep., get active and be informed of what's happening at your local Intergroup Office.

We hope to see you at our next service event, the 34th Annual Intergroup Pot Luck Dinner on September 18th at the Finland House in Lantana. Please come up and say "Hi", we would be glad to meet you. Check out our service committee displays and feel free to ask questions.

Intergroup meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Intergroup Office at 6:15pm. Please attend and encourage your home Group to send a Representative. Hopefully we will meet some of you as we trudge the road to happy destiny.

In Spirit and Service,

Your Intergroup Officers.

Office Activity in August

- Requests for meeting info - 158
- 12 Step Requests - 6
- BTG - 1
- Other program info - 45
- Institutions - 1
- Public Information - 0
- Visitors - 183
- AA Emails - 16
- Total: 410**

Website Visits in August

- 1st time visits - 1,564
- Return visits - 427
- Total Visitors - 1991**

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

District VIII General Service will conduct elections for Officers, Standing Committee Chairs, DCM's and ACM's at the October 17th Business Meeting, (5 PM at the Triangle Club.) Come to our next business meeting on September 12th, (5 PM at the Triangle Club,) to get the details.

JOIN THE BIRTHDAY CLUB!

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

You get:
**Bill & Bob Medallion,
Birthday Flyer
Name in 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 donation.
(Feel free to give more!)**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SOBRIETY DATE: ____/____/____



BIRTHDAY CLUB

★ September Celebrants ★

Shipwreck John - 39 years	Lauren E. - 14 years
Ed B. - 21 years	Katie C. - 12 years
Alex A. - 21 years	Ann C. - 11 years
John W. - 16 years	Barry L. - 9 years
Cathy C. - 14 years	Mark P. - 8 years
John K. - 14 years	Kevin D. - 5 years
Wayne E. - 14 years	David S. - 3 years

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In Loving Memory

David B., known by his many friends as "Butcher" passed away on July 31, 2010. David died clean and sober with over 19 years of doing it "One Day At A Time".

He is survived by his wife Marcia, and his son Chandler. David was a long standing member of the Third Tradition Motorcycle Fellowship, Sobriety and Thunder Group, and could be found at the Easy Does It Club on a consistent basis.

A Memorial Service was held in his memory on August 7, 2010 at the Easy Does It Club where his family and many friends were in attendance.

WELCOME NEW REPS IN August!!!

Brian - Pass it on Men's Group,
Mark - Back to the Book

Meeting Dept.

New Meetings:

Old-timers Group, Monday, 12:00 Noon, OD (open discussion,) Club Oasis, 10859 Prosperity Farms Road, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410
Happy Hour Meeting, Saturday, 3:30 PM, OD, Club Oasis, 10859 Prosperity Farms Road, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Patience, Love & Tolerance, Sunday, 7:30 PM OD BB, (open discussion Big Book,) Mary Mother of the Light, 4891 Lake Worth Road, Green Acres, FL 3346

Back to the Book, Saturday, 7:00 PM, BB, St Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1925 Birkdale Drive, Wellington, FL.

Serenity on the Beach, Saturday, 7:00 PM, OD, Lantana Beach, North Side of Public Beach.

Epiphany By The Sea, Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 7:00 AM, OD, Lake Worth Pier, Lake Worth, FL.

Meeting Changes:

Shell Seekers Group, Tuesday & Thursday, 12:00 Noon, ODW (open discussion women's,) American Legion Post 271, 775 N US Highway 1, Jupiter, FL & Thursday, 12:00 Noon. **Meeting Cancelled.**

Sober, Alive & Free, Friday, 8:30 PM, CD (closed discussion,) St Mark's Episcopal Church, Room #308, 3395 Burns Road, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. **Meeting Time is now 7:00 PM.**

Women Seeking the Truth Group, Monday 7:30 PM OD BB SS, (open discussion Big Book / Step meeting,) St John's Lutheran Church, 241 Cypress Dr, Lake Park, FL. **Moved to: 7:00 PM at Calvary United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 301 1st Ave S, Lake Worth, FL 33460.**

Love, Faith & Life, Thursday, 8:30 PM, CD, Good Shepherd Methodist Church, 2341 S Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL. **Has an ASL Interpreter every Thursday.**

Another Miracle, Thursday, 7:00 PM, Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1300 S Olive Ave, WPB, FL. **Meeting format changed to Big Book Meeting.**

Make Way For The New Guy, Friday, 7:30 PM, OD, Palms West Hospital, 1st Floor, Classroom 1, 13001 Southern Blvd. **Is now: Make Way For The Beginner, Friday, 8:00 PM, OD, Jesus Our Savior, 13771 Okeechobee Blvd.**

Meeting Corrections:

Bethesda Group, Tuesday, 6:30 PM, OS (open speaker,) Bethesda by the Sea Episcopal Church, 141 S County Road, Palm Beach, FL. **Meeting Time is 8:30 PM.**

Heart to Heart Group, Saturday, 8:00 PM, OD, American Legion Post #271, 775 N us Highway 1, Jupiter, FL. **Meets at: Christ the King Lutheran Church, 46 Willow RD, Tequesta, FL 33409**

Monday Night Riverbottom Group, Monday, 8:00 PM, OD, First United Presbyterian Church, 482 Tequesta Drive, Tequesta, FL. **Meeting Time is 7:30 PM.**