



Today

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Palm Beach County Intergroup Association

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Principle Behind Step 4:

Courage

"This step is really about courage to look honestly at ourselves. Take a look at how our behavior has become warped to justify our current behavior. We are here to take an honest assessment of ourselves. Looking at causes and conditions of our alcoholic behavior can be scary."



Office Activity in March

- 12 Step Requests - 1
- Other program info - 76
- Institutions - 1
- Request for meeting info - 226
- Public Information - 4
- Visitors - 258
- AA Emails - 62

Total: 628

Website Visits in March

- 1st time visits - 2156
- Return visits - 507
- Total Visitors - 2663

FOUNDERS DAY

PICNIC

Saturday, June 25th

Carlin Park

Sea Oats and Gumbo Limbo Pavilions
11am to 6pm



Volleyball Tourn-



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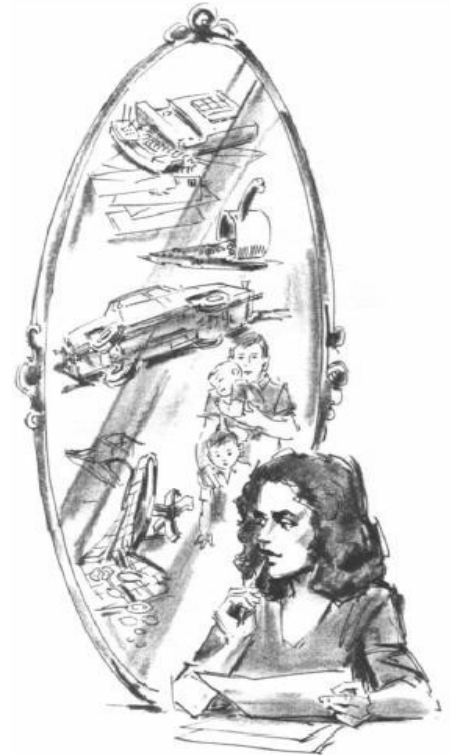


Call Intergroup Office @ 561-655-5700



Directions: Take I95 to Jupiter,
Indiantown Rd. Go EAST to A1A,
Go South, take 1st Right and follow signs.

4 Made a searching and
fearless moral inventory
of ourselves.



I need to look at my life.

A quote for April

"Resentment is the "number one" offender. It destroys more alcoholics than anything else."

Pg 64
Alcoholics Anonymous

Service Schedule

- 5/15 - General Service - Dist 8 Meeting 5:00pm
- 5/4 - Committee Chair Meeting 6:15pm
- 5/1 - Institutions Volunteer Orientation 4:30pm
- 5/1 - Institutions Committee Meeting 5:00pm
- 5/11 Intergroup Meeting 6:15pm

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
Intergroup Meeting March 9th, 2011

Call to Order: 6:17

Serenity Prayer

Read 12 Traditions

Declaration of Unity: This we owe A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives; and the lives of those to come.

Chairperson's Report: Alex A.: Tonight we will be conducting elections for all service positions. Due to the elections, all committee and liaison reports will be suspended. I have asked all the committees and liaisons to submit their reports to the Secretary and they will be published next month in the Today. If you or your group has a specific question for any of the Committees, please see that Committee Chair or one of the Officers after the meeting. As required by the new By-Laws, elections will be conducted by Third Legacy procedure and by written ballot. If you are attending this meeting as a guest or as an alternate group rep and your group rep is in attendance also, we request that you do not vote in tonight's elections. In the Spirit of Service and due to our new By-Laws being enacted this past January which suggest a year as a group rep to serve as a Committee Chair and an additional year as a Committee Chair to serve as an Officer, the Chair will seek a group census to "grandfather" the current Committee Chairs and Officers so they may stand for consideration to continue to serve Intergroup. Any Group representatives who have not served for the suggested one-year but desire to stand for consideration to serve as a Committee Chair, a group census will be taken on a case by case basis.

Welcome New Representatives: Ted/Westside Group, Judy/We Found The Way, Trish/Free Spirited Women, Alex/Third Tradition, Amy/Sober on Sunday, Kristin/Women in Sobriety & Cody/Lake Worth Group.

VICE Chair's Report: Steve Y.: The Spaghetti Dinner / Old timers Panel is now rescheduled for April 2, Saturday, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm still at the Finland House. The tickets are available through your Intergroup rep. as well as the Intergroup office and are \$10 each. In regards to our annual Founders Day picnic, we are looking to schedule it in June, date to be determined, and hopefully to have it up in Carlin Park.

Treasurer's Report: Henry M.: Total revenues for February, 2011 were \$7,524.65 and expenses were \$6,872.93 resulting in a surplus of \$651.72. Our Checking Account balance was \$3,092.47. We were able to transfer \$1500.00 into our Prudent Reserve Account. The Prudent Reserve balance is now \$12,042.23. This is below the Prudent Reserve requirement of \$22,200.00 by \$9,957.77. We sent a check to the South Palm Beach County Intergroup for \$870.49; so that each service entity would share the net surplus from the first Unity Breakfast of \$1,530.35. Our revenues in February, 2010 were \$8,713.37 and expenses were \$8,006.67 resulting in a surplus of \$706.70. Our Checking account balance was \$3,666.59 and our Prudent Reserve balance was \$2,000.07 at that time. Group Contributions this year were \$3,605.09 compared to \$3,614.96 in February, 2010. With a conscious effort to keep expenses to a minimum and exercising prudence with our operations, we have been able to maintain a course of steady improvement in a very tough financial climate. We would like to thank all of the groups and members for their continued participation and support.

Pass Baskets

Secretary's Report: (open) Karen L.: Accepted as posted in the Today.

Office Manager's Report: Ed B.: The total office activity for February was 504 compared to 764 last year; which was a decline of 260. Most of the decline was in the area meeting information calls & emails. The website visits for February 2,481. This is an increase of 469 over last year. The number of first time visitors was 2,069 and the return visitors were 412. The Intergroup Office hours are Monday to Friday 9 - 5, and Saturday 9:30 - 1:30. If you would like to volunteer at the Intergroup Office please call the office at: 561.655.5700. Currently we have full staff of volunteers, but we could always use back-up volunteers. We have the new "Where & When's" for sale in the Intergroup Office. However if see any errors or omissions, please email them to: whereandwhen@aa-palmbeachcounty.org. This information is on the website under the heading: Committees. Also the New Group Form and the Group Change Form are on the website in a PDF format. So now you can use them to make any changes to Group information, save the changes on your computer, and email the changes to the Intergroup Association.

General Service/ Intergroup Liaison: Larry M.: No report.

South County Intergroup Liaison: (open) Gary B.: Sheryl opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. She asked the reps to sign up to volunteer for some of the standing committees needing assistance and passed signup sheets around the room. Liz thanked everyone for their help with the Unity Breakfast and announced the event was a great success and their share of the surplus was around \$850.00. Pam announced that a group at FAU may be starting up and more will be revealed. Archives reported their February Meeting focused on preserving Grapevines and the committee is in need of old SCAAN's. They are also converting speaker cassettes to CD's. BTG had 1 call for the month. H&I reported all commitments were filled at this time. The Telephone Relay is in need of groups to man the hotline for June, July, & August. The Men's 12 Step Committee list has been updated. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Committee Reports:

1. Public Information: (open) Martina R.: I would like to thank Bob C, James D, Zack, Aimee & Ross for participating in the FAU Health Fair. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your PI chair.

2. 12 Step List: Nick F.: If you are a 12 step list volunteer & no longer wish to be of service, please inform myself or the Intergroup office. As my year of service for this committee ends, I thank the over 100 volunteers for their service and the Association for allowing me to chair this service committee.

3. Website Committee: Larry M. - Updated name of the Sharing Committee. Created flyer for the Old Timers Spaghetti Dinner and posted on website.

4. Phone Volunteer: - There have been some changes on the volunteers, but all the shifts are covered. Again I would like to thank all the volunteers that make it possible for this important service to be available for those who reach out for it. If interested in helping please contact me at: scimitar2127@hotmail.com (put "phones" on the subject, please).

5. Today: (open) Mark P.: Absent. No report.

6. B-day Club/Today Subscription: Pat D.: I had 1 renewal in Feb. I did not have any new members.

7. Website Committee: Larry M.: Updated meeting list, current events, and corrected new days of Intergroup Committee sharing and Intergroup Reps meeting times and day changes.

8. Group Contact Committee: Hugh: Hoping that the groups will be able to make any updates to their meetings on the Website so any changes can be updated in a timely manner in the Where & Whens.

9. Bridging the Gap: Ashley N.: We had 3 out-of-state bridges and three in-county bridges. We need names and phone numbers for people from groups in the Northern part of the County...Jupiter Farms, PGA Blvd., Hobe Sound and the Lantana area who wish to help an alcoholic bridge the gap from rehab to recovery in AA.

10. Where and When Committee: Meredith: The Where & Whens are printed and at the office. We will be going into our second printing soon. Please have any corrections or changes sent to Intergroup via email so we can get any changes in before printing.

11. Institutions: Wendy S.: Your Institutions Committee currently brings 96 meetings a week to 36 facilities. We had 14 new volunteers this month. There are still plenty of opportunities for all interested in this rewarding service work. Plan to attend our regular meeting at the Triangle Club on Sunday, April 3rd; orientation for new members at 4:30 pm followed by the full committee meeting at 5:00pm. New volunteers need to have six months of continuous sobriety and will observe 2 meetings in facilities prior to active service. Hope to see you in April.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Elections. New Chairs will stand in May. Any positions not filled will have "open" next to the name.

Palm Beach County Intergroup
Operating Report - 3/01/2011 - 3/31/2011

Revenues:

Literature Sales	\$4,947.36	
Sales Tax	295.45	
Tax Exempt Sales	541.00	
Group Contributions	3,175.11	
Spaghetti Dinner—Tickets	1,755.00	
Today Subscriptions	6.00	
Birthday Club Memberships	69.00	
Meeting Basket	55.78	
Total Revenues:		\$10,844.70

Expenses:

Literature Purchases	\$3,630.20	
Sales Tax	216.68	
Spaghetti Dinner - Food	302.14	
Spaghetti Dinner - Supplies	143.17	
Spaghetti Dinner—Beverages	88.43	
Founders' Day Picnic—Booking Fee	100.00	
Office Salary	2,307.68	
FICA & Unemployment Tax	206.34	
Paychex(monthly fee)	59.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	42.00	
Rent & Water	475.00	
AT&T (Internet, Phone, Website)	327.31	
FP&L	123.17	
Exterminating	35.00	
Printing	-178.28	
Office Supplies / Postage	207.15	
Total Expenses		\$8,441.55

Monthly Surplus / (Deficit)		\$2,403.15
Checking Account Balance		\$3,995.62
Prudent Reserve Interest	0.41	
Transferred to Prudent Reserve	\$1,500.00	
Prudent Reserve Balance		\$13,542.64

INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE
Operating Report 2/1/11-2/28/11

Beginning Balance		\$9,819.91
Income:		
Group Contributions		
After Hours Group	\$356.04	
The Island Group	\$40.00	
Sweet Serenity Group	\$15.00	
Free Spirited Women	75.06	
Total Contributions	\$486.10	
Total Income	\$486.10	
Expenses:		
Bank Charge	\$0.00	
Big Books	\$29.20	
Printing	\$25.97	
Rent	\$60.00	
Total Expenses	\$115.17	
Monthly Profit/Loss	\$370.93	
Ending Balance		10,190.84

WELCOME NEW REPS IN March!!!

Ted - Westside Group	
Judy - We Found The Way	
Trish - Free Spirited Women	
Alex - Third Tradition	
Amy - Sober on Sunday	
Kristin - Women in Sobriety	
Cody - Lake Worth Group.	

Tradition 4:

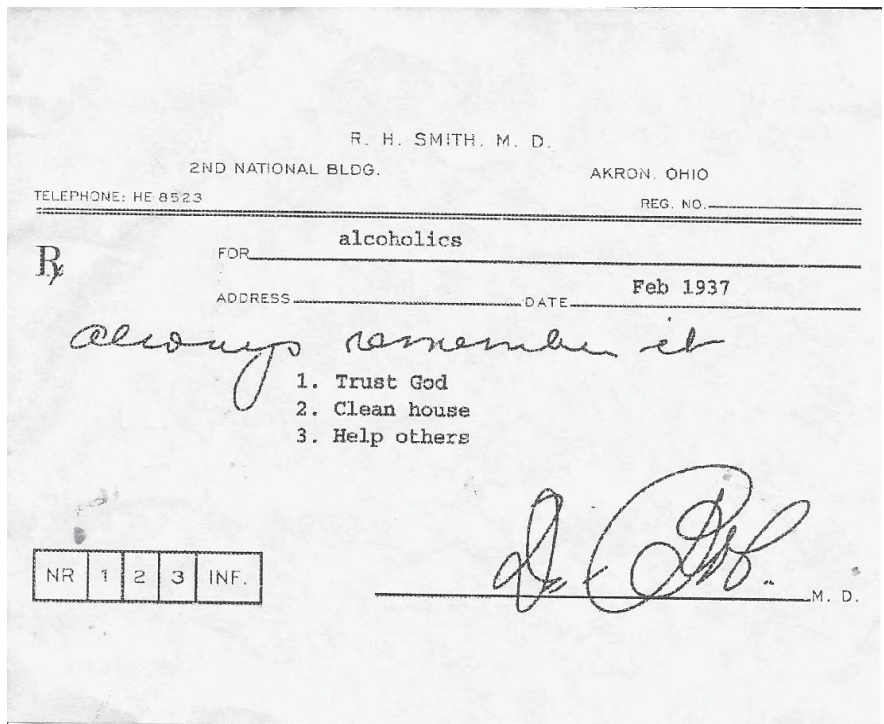
Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

Fourth Traditions Checklist

1. Do I insist that there are only a few *right* ways of doing things in AA?
2. Does my group always consider the welfare of AA? Of nearby groups? Of loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
3. Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I'm in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved fellowship ?
5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengthshis lengths, not mine-to stay sober ?
6. Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?

Concept IV :

Throughout our Conference structure, we need to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each might discharge.



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BIRTHDAY CLUB

★ April Celebrants ★

Frances H.	49 years	Yves C	13 years
Artie B	44 years	Kit N	2 years
Joe G.	35 years	Bonnie M	2 years
Mary Kaye B	26 years	Bonnie C.	4 years
Jack A	20 years	Bryan P.	1 year

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New Committee Chair Meeting

Intergroup has eliminated the Steering committee. In its place we have formed a Committee chair meeting. This is an informal meeting designed for the exchange of information and ideas. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month @ 6:15. This is an open meeting, any AA member may attend.

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.

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They were right... some of us do seem to hold on to our old ideas... Joe here is holding on for dear life!