

## **PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**Date: Wednesday, December 14th, 2022**

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

### **Attendees: 46, New Reps: 2**

*Carol M. - We Found the Way  
Anthony S. - Men's Wellington Group  
Holly - Central Group  
Ray R. - Day's End  
Diana - Free Spirited Sat. AM  
Pearl - Women in Sobriety  
Parker - Happy Hour Group  
Cat - The Serenity Ladies  
Pete - End of the Road Group*

### **Chairperson, Roger B.**

Tonight under New Business, we will be drawing time slots for the Christmas and New Year's Alcohons.

I received word from the Triangle Club that the Board has approved the numbers for the rent of our Office and Meeting Room. They are in the process of drawing up the paperwork and I expect to see it soon. The lease will be for 5 years. The monthly rent will be \$900 for the first 2 years and then \$1000 for the remaining 3 years. The Utility charge remains unchanged at \$75 per month.

This will be my last meeting as Acting Chair. Past Chair, Deb M, will assume Acting Chair duties in January and take care of Chair duties through the elections up till the May meeting, when the newly elected Officers will take over. I wish to thank all of the other Officers, Committee Chairs, Liaisons, and the Intergroup Reps for your support during this past few months. Service keeps me sober, and I encourage anyone thinking about standing for a service position when elections start in March to please do so. If you are on the fence and have questions about a position and what the responsibilities are, please feel free to call me or any of the other Officers and we can chat.

If you have any further questions, comments, or greetings, you can route them through the Intergroup Office at (561) 655-5700, email the office at [pbciaa@bellsouth.net](mailto:pbciaa@bellsouth.net) or email me directly at [rwbrand@gmail.com](mailto:rwbrand@gmail.com).

### **Alternate Chair, Cyndi M.**

As the Holiday Season approaches, it is important to make sure everyone knows about the Alcohons being held starting 12 noon Christmas Eve thru 11:45 am Christmas Day as well as New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Hopefully, a representative from your Group is here today if your Group would like to participate in these events as we will be selecting time slots at the meeting.

Christmas Alcathon- Triangle Club  
New Year's Alcathon – Intergroup Office  
Flyers at this desk to take back to your Group.

### **Treasurer, Glenn B.**

Baskets were passed in accordance with our 7th Tradition.

Net Revenue for November 2022 was \$5658.84 and Total Expenses were \$5876.03 resulting in a net deficit of -\$217.19. Last Month we ended with a surplus of \$58.67. Group Contributions for November 2022 were a little stronger than October, totaling \$4276.18

The opening checking balance for November 2022 was \$26,283.98 and we closed with \$22,928.37 The Prudent Reserve Account closed with a balance of \$18,152.56 which includes .15 cents in interest. We wish to thank the Groups and AA

members of Palm Beach County for their generous support.

**Secretary, Libby B.**

Thank you for continuing to send digital reports! Please note the email is [secretary@aa-palmbeachcounty.org](mailto:secretary@aa-palmbeachcounty.org) if you have questions or comments on the minutes.

**Registrar, Heather K.**

The November financials faux-minutes and [Today](#) were distributed as was the agenda for December.

**Office Manager, Tracy D.**

News out of World on the 2025 convention:

General registration and housing information will be available on the International Convention webpage in early 2024.

Actual registration site links, forms, and hotel booking links will be communicated to the Fellowship in August/September 2024.

**Information for those who may have entry issues due to past criminal history: Please the resources below:**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/inadmissibility/overcome-criminal-convictions.htm>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/contact-ircc/offices/international-visa-offices.html>

For general information members may also access <https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/menu-eng.html> or contact the Border Information Service (BIS) at CBSA by calling:

**Within Canada**

Toll-free

1-800-461-9999

TTY (for those with hearing or speech impairments)

1-866-335-3237

**Outside Canada**

Long distance charges apply

1-204-983-3500

1-506-636-5064

Press "0" to speak to an officer during regular business hours – Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (local time) excluding holidays.

As we gear up for our 2022 Alcothons, your groups are asked to please clean up after your group is finished, including tables, trash and garbage. Please help us help you!

Finger foods and home baked yumminess are welcomed however coffee and goodies will be supplied by Intergroup.

Please see the format that will be provided and located at the desk regarding your contributions during the Alcothon at Triangle Club.

Chips will not be provided so please remember to BYOC!

Intergroup will be closed Monday 12/26/22 and Monday 01/02/23, please plan accordingly for your Intergroup needs.

**GSR > Intergroup Liaison, Lynne S.**

Good evening intergroup my name is Lynne and I am your general service liaison for district 8.

I attended the December 11th district 8 business meeting. Our primary agenda items at that time were for us to complete elections of standing committee members, district committee members, and alternate committee members.

A new standing committee was formed. A technology committee in order to facilitate hybrid meetings moving forward for the district.

Our next quarterly assembly is in January in Sarasota. The agenda items for the business meetings are available at area

[15aa.org](http://15aa.org).

Any questions feel free to contact me via email or telephone.

Lynne S.

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**North/South County Intergroup Liaison, Jeff**

South County meeting was held on Nov.30th.

H&I Committee has many needs. He showed us a great website [AAhelp.net](http://AAhelp.net) to get involved.

Time slots for the Alcathon at Central House were being drawn.

I picked up SCAAN's for the meeting.

There is an updated Alcathon version of the SCAAN on South County's website.

**Archives Committee Liaison, Kevin R**

Archives District 8  
Area 15 Report 12.11.22

Good afternoon District 8. Welcome to all the current and outgoing positions here today for our district 8 meeting today...Welcome. Our current history, book of resolutions, making and passing motions, and our book of current practice (description of how we are doing our business here at district.). These date back to the beginning of doing business here and creation of our district. The current practices and book of resolutions dates back to 1990. We had both of these the book of resolutions and current practices before 1990. I will search our archives to find any old resolutions and current practices.

We are fighting for our lives. Our book says if we practice this program of recovery...12 steps and later the adoption of the 12 traditions we will be happily and usefully whole. This is stated in the forward to the book 12 steps and 12 traditions. Our text fondly named the big book says we will be placed in a position of neutrality. If we do not know where we have been then we will not know how to navigate forward. We are responsible when anyone anywhere reaches out for help we are responsible. If we are irresponsible with our money, we will not be able to meet our obligations. This will affect everyone in our fellowship..futile fights about money has and will harm our fellowship.

Happy Holidays to all in our fellowship. Bill wrote about the holiday season referenced\*. There are many guides to how to survive the holidays sober. Keep any drinks you have in your hand. Do not set them down. Have an escape plan. We do not have to stay at gatherings "all the way through". Speaking of that, we can go to an alcohthon or a meeting instead to keep the loneliness away. If you are at a normal holiday party where alcohol is served and someone asks if you would like an alcoholic beverage, you can say, You have been over served, Break out in hand cuffs, no thank you, or I would like a seltzer, water, or soft drink. The book says, once we have the 12th step in our lives, can we go to whoopee parties and the answer is do we have the right motives?, are we in fit spiritual condition?, and legitimate reason for being there. In Love and Service,

Sherwin Anderson  
District 8 Area 15 Archives Chair

\*This is a Christmas message sent out by Bill in 1944: To all AA members Greetings on our 10th Christmas, 1944. Yes, it's in the air! The spirit of Christmas once more warms this poor distraught world. Over the whole globe millions are looking forward to that one day when strife can be forgotten, when it will be remembered that all human beings, even the least, are loved by God, when men will hope for the coming of the Prince of Peace as they never hoped before. But there is another world which is not poor. Neither is it distraught. It is the world of Alcoholics Anonymous, where thousands dwell happily and secure. Secure because each of us, in his own way, knows a greater power who is love, who is just, and who can be trusted. Nor can men and women of AA ever forget that only through suffering did they find enough humility to enter the portals of that New World. How privileged we are to understand so well the divine paradox that strength rises from weakness, that humiliation goes before resurrection; that pain is not only the price but the very touchstone of spiritual rebirth. Knowing its full worth and purpose, we can no longer fear adversity, we have found prosperity where there was poverty; peace and joy have sprung out of the very midst of chaos. Great indeed our blessings! And so Merry Christmas to you all – from the Trustees, from Bobbie and from Lois and me.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Information, Deborah:**

On December 3, I attended a Recovery Symposium, along with the District PICPC chair, and members of District 18 (the Spanish-speaking contingent). The all-day event took place at Palm Beach State College. We displayed our AA pamphlets, and

also benefited from presentations by multiple recovery activists. There will soon be a multi-faceted Recovery Center in Lake Worth Beach. One of the many hopeful ventures discussed was a movement to require mandatory ratings for all sober houses.

**12 Step List**

Vacant

**Phone Volunteer Committee, Mike H.**

The Intergroup telephone relay has all of its positions filled as today and would also like to welcome Anna F as are newest volunteer.

**TODAY, Niko**

Please send service opportunities, events etc. to [nikodoggett@gmail.com](mailto:nikodoggett@gmail.com)

**Birthday Club, Bonnie C.**

Happy Holiday my fellow Alcoholics! The month of December we sent Bob & Bill Medallions to 8 celebrants totaling 180 years of continuous sobriety!

**Website Committee, Troy C.**

Nothing major to report, need to look into a search engine optimization issue, otherwise the site is up and running. As always, if anyone in your group is experienced with WordPress or SQL databases and wants to do some service work, please let me know.

**Group Contact Committee, Paula**

**Bridging the Gap Committee**

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**Institutions Committee, Gregg**

**Old Business: None**

**New Business: *Alcothon Drawing!***

*Upcoming Events: Big Book Ball, hosted by H&I, held on NYE in the Triangle Club. Christmas and New Year's Alcothons.*

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**Christmas:**

12-24-22 12:00 PM	Lunch Bunch
1:00 PM	Sober on Sunday
2:00 PM	Good Life Group
3:00 PM	End of the Road
4:00 PM	After Hours (Oasis)
5:00 PM	Central Group
6:00 PM	Free Spirited Women
7:00 PM	Expect a Miracle
8:00 PM	Days End Group
9:00 PM	Mens 5 <sup>th</sup> Tradition
10:00 PM	Monday Night Mens
11:00 PM	Home of the Brave
12-25-22 12:00 AM	Lake Worth Group
1:00 AM	Happy, Joyous, and Free
2:00 AM	Good Morning Group
3:00 AM	Sunny Isles
4:00 AM	No Matter What (online)
5:00 AM	Mid-Day Live
6:00 AM	Sisters in Sobriety
7:00 AM	Day Openers
8:00 AM	Knuckleheads
9:00 AM	Cardinal Lane
10:00 AM	Hump Day
11:00 AM	Firing Line
Alternates:	Owls Nest, Serenity Ladies, Saturday Evening Recovery, Third Tradition

**New Years:**

12-31-22 12:00 PM	Lunch Bunch
1:00 PM	Sunrise Sobriety (online)
2:00 PM	Happy Hour – Palm Beach
3:00 PM	Womens 4 <sup>th</sup> Dimension
4:00 PM	We Found the Way
5:00 PM	Saturday Evening Recovery
6:00 PM	Serenity Ladies
7:00 PM	Owls Nest
8:00 PM	Women Suffer Too
9:00 PM	West Side Group
10:00 PM	End of the Road
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