

SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP & IG REP MEETING UPDATES

Date: Steering- April 15, 2015

Opening: Opened at 8:00pm with "Serenity Prayer"

Anniversaries: Marty 21yrs. Linda 3yrs

Announcements: Back To Basics April 23 20yrs 7PM Food, 8PM Speaker, POP May 15 11:30AM-1PM Food and Speakers. Tansboro April 26 120AM Speaker, 11AM Food. Happy Hour April 25 449 Club 4PM food, 5PM speaker. Cherry Hill Step Study April 22 Anniversary. Masonville May 18 6PM Food, 7PM Speaker.

New Intergroup Reps: Joann Red Lion, Jeff YMOM, Linda How Important is it, Kathleen Farrington Group, Stanley HIW

Intergroup Chair: Tina O
No Report

chairperson@asaj.org

Intergroup Vice-Chair: Brett R
No Report

vchairperson@asaj.org

Treasurer: Joe M.

Asst. Treasurer: Catherine E

treasurer@asaj.org

Please see separate handout for treasurer's report.

Tradition # 4: Janet

next month Tradition # 5: Lou

Concept # 4: Joe

next month Concept # 5: Bruce

Greeters for May: Tim, Gary

Set-up/Cleaners for May: Brian, John, Mike, Barry

COMMITTEE REPORT

Ans. Service Chair: Lisa S.

Co-Chair: Tom C

answeringservice@asaj.org

29 shifts reported their call totals for March, and that totaled 121 calls taken by volunteers. We request that all volunteers continue to send in their monthly totals! As usual, volunteers that cannot cover their shift should notify us, so we can try and have it covered by a "real AA" rather than by Answercomm.

Answercomm reported taking 80 calls. This number is down from the 96 calls taken by Answercomm in February. We will continue to work to keep this number lower.

Currently we have ONE open shift: Saturday 4-6pm. We also continue to take name for our waiting list, and are still taking volunteers to sign up to be available for a 12 Step call, so please have interested volunteers continue to contact us via answeringservice@asaj.org.

Finally, we are looking for replacements for Chair and Co-chair at the end of 2015. We feel it is best to begin this recruitment process now, so that interested AAs, can get training early in the process and make the transition as smooth as possible. Please have interested volunteers contact us for more information on what we do, and how we do it!

If any phone service related issues are identified feel free to call us for assistance anytime.

Spring into Action and make a service commitment today!!

Archives Chair: Teddy P

Co-Chair:

archives@asaj.org

No Report

Bookers Chair: Mike M

Co-Chair: Carrie M

booker@asaj.org

Our next exchange will be May 7, 2015 at the New Beginnings Clubhouse in Runnemede.

Budget & Finance Chair: Steve C

Co-Chair: Karen

budget@asaj.org

Had our committee meeting on 4-1-15 started on the 2014 taxes we maybe filing for an extension. Our next committee meeting will be on 5-6-15 7:00 pm @ intergroup office.

H&I Chair: Becky P **Co-Chair: Patti S** handi@aasj.org

At our last committee meeting, we had 17 groups in attendance, leaving only 12 of the 168 commitments open for the month of May. We thank all of the groups that were in attendance and taking so many commitments.

We are happy to report that we met with the administrators at Cooper University Hospital in Camden. They are very interested in H & I bringing the AA message of hope into their hospital psych unit. We are looking begin booking meetings twice a week starting in the month of June. Anyone interested in hosting or speaking at these meetings please let us know.

We are asking and will be needing **YOUR** help in filling our H & I commitments. Now with the possible addition of Cooper, we will be responsible for filling close to 180 commitments a month. Please encourage your home groups to contact us to get involved in H & I or just show up at your committee meeting! If you as an individual would like to get involved, please let us know.

The following commitments are open for the month of May:

Daybreak - Atco
Thursday, May 14, 21 & 28 - 10:30am – 12

Lakeland - Vineland
Friday, May 22 - 7-8 pm

Virtua Psych Unit - Mount Holly
Saturday, May 30 - 8:30-9:30pm

Next H&I meetings are as follows (both will be at the Intergroup office):
April 27th @ 7pm.
May 18th @ 7pm (moved earlier than usual due to Memorial Day weekend).

Literature Chair: Janet I. **Co-Chair:** literature@aasj.org
Beginning Balance:\$6635.00
Sales: 4519.45
Purchases: 5302.95
Ending Balance: 5851.50

A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who sold & hauled literature at this year's convention. WOW! Please welcome Debbie C. as our new co-chair for literature. Cait is stepping down as co-chair, but will still be working Thursday nights. We have an open shift for literature sales on Wednesdays 6-8 pm starting in May. Many thanks to Steve for his service.

Meeting list Chair: Kelly B **Co-Chair: Traci** meetinglist@aasj.org

There were 3 meeting changes this month. Intergroup Reps please check meeting list and Online meeting list to see if both are listed correctly. If not please submit change to aaaj.org

Newsletter Chair: Marty **Co-Chair: Marissa** newsletter@aaaj.org

Dear Intergroup: Spring has sprung! Warm weather will soon descend upon us! Our crew is busy putting together the May issue. We have received several pieces from March convention attendees with their thoughts, impressions, feelings, etc. There's an interesting mix, to be sure. We'll feature our big announcement for the Founder's Day Picnic at Parvin State Park and also continue to devote some space to advertise the International Convention in July in Atlanta. *Poetry* makes it debut this issue, with an attractive piece by Paul N. We are "flirting" with the idea of an "all-poetry" issue. What do you think? Meanwhile, there'll be our steady entries on Step, Tradition and Concept 5 and few surprises. Let's hear! Marty P.

P & I Chair: Gail V **Co-Chair: Jimmy** publicinfo@aaaj.org

Janet, the Literature Chair made a contact at the Convention which she passed on to me for a Spanish-speaker to speak at Vineland's IDRC each month. I reached out to this person, and it looks very promising. I hope to be able to fill this commitment soon. Thanks for your help, Janet!

Social Events Chair: Edward S **Co-Chair:** socialevents@aaaj.org

Founders Day at Parvin Park June 13, 2015 10-4PM. Among the events will include two ½ hour speakers and a 50-50 raffle. Deitz and Watson has given us 320 hot dogs and rolls along with plenty of napkins. We are looking for volunteers to bring various other items.

Unity Chair: Cletus C **Co-Chair: Patricia P** unity@aaaj.org

Unity signed up one new IG Rep last month. There may have been more, but I was busy after the meeting assigning a few meeting visits, to current IG Reps.

I did sign up 6 Volunteers to visit various Home Groups that are not sending Reps. to IG. I have 7 meetings being visited because one of the Volunteers (sober a long time) volunteered his wife - in abstentia - to visit a meeting she is already attending. This wife - apparently - is also sober a long time. Both these meetings were near their home. **I reluctantly allowed this, as she is NOT an IG Rep. I would like to discuss this type of situation with my fellow Committee members**, for your advice on how to handle.

About half of these volunteers were already attending about half of these assigned meetings.

I was very surprised to see how many volunteered, and - quite frankly - was not really prepared to dole out any meetings, but did so anyway.

Website Chair: Dave P. **Co-Chair: CharlieS** webmaster@aaaj.org
No Report

SPECIAL REPORTS

Trustees: Andy E., Jimmy P., Bev M., Kelli S. trustees@aaaj.org
No Report

Area 45 Alternate Delegate: Andrew L alternatedelagate@snjaa.org
No Report

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Office hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs 12:00pm to 3:00pm
No report

Old Business:

- Looking to fill the trustee spot left vacant by Anna. Nomination decision will be made next steering meeting, then brought to intergroup for a vote.
- Received a new phone bill from Verizon with new additional charges, the ad hoc committee is still looking for a way to deal with this issue.
- Advertising – we will be reviewing the term lengths for phone book advertising to ensure that the previous terms are coming to a close.

New Business: New Trustee to be voted on next Steering. Nominees are Bruce and Mike L

Adjournment: 8:44 PM with the ***"I Am Responsible"*** Pledge

Respectfully Submitted- Secretary: Brian C
secretary@asj.org

Assist. Secretary: Dan Z