

## SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING & IG REP MEETING UPDATES

Date: September 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

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

Steering Attendees: Beverly M, Tina O, Terry D, Anna D, Andy E, Wayne P, Scott P, Becky P, Joe C, Dee B, Mike L

**Intergroup Chair:** Beverly M

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THERE WILL BE A QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION REGARDING INSURANCE. IT WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH, AFTER THE OCT IG MTG IS ADJURNED. THIS ISSUE WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED DURING THE IG MTG.

Anyone with questions in the meantime can e-mail the trustees @ [trustees@aasj.org](mailto:trustees@aasj.org).

**Intergroup Vice-Chair:** Tina O

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**Anyone interested in any chair, co-chair e-mail Vice Chr-Tina @ [vchairperson@aasj.org](mailto:vchairperson@aasj.org) . If interested in an elected position contact Vice chr or a Trustee.** A list available positions & requirements are available. By-laws are available on line. Announce in Home Gps that positions will be opening & these are Great Service Opportunities. Ballot needs to be out by Nov. Training for positions available so transition is smooth. Come and see what the committees do & choose what you would like. 3 Trustee positions are opening- Need 10 Yrs experience. Dave P is taking over website.

**Treasurer:** Harry L **Asst. Treas:**

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August was a down month relative to contributions. We spent much more than was contributed; by about \$3900. This can be attributed to several issues including, summer months, deposit payment to Nicolosi's for Gratitude Dance, & we paid IG & Booker's mtg rent in advance. Yearly comparison report indicates we are not really far off from last year. I suspect things will turn around in the fall. We have only paid out \$421 more dollars to date; which is a 1% difference.

Contributions are only down \$1895 from this time last year. We have transferred less money from Literature than we did last year to date. So, in short, we are down but not in a serious bind. Treasurer presented a report relative to Area 45 and LIPPS; what has been donated to date & an invoice for literature given to Area 45. Please remember to include Town, Group Name, day of the week that your gp meets, & GSO#, if known, on all correspondence!

**Trustee Reading:** Big Book-pg 84, "This thought brings us to *Step Ten*...Love and tolerance of others is our code."

**New IG Reps:** Peggy- Sat Nite Live Gp, Kevin-Cherry Hill , Amy- Blackwood, Jeanine- Barber Gp, Moorestown, Arnold- Gratitude Gp, Mt Laural

**Anniversaries:** Kevin- 18yrs, Dave P- 23yrs, Will- 27yrs

**Group Announcements:** **Columbus How It Works 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv, Sept 27 @** Columbus Baptist Ch, 24260 West Main St. food 6:00pm- Spkr 8:30pm. **White Deer Gp - Browns Mills 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv, Sept 28 @** St Ann's Ch, AM Snack 8:30- Spkrs 9:00am. **Riverton Triboro 40<sup>th</sup> Anniv, Sept 29 @** Sacred Heart Ch Hall bsmnt, 4<sup>th</sup> & Linden Sts, Riverton, 7pm - 8pm. **Swedesboro Weekend Special 11<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Oct 5 @** Betheseda United Methodist Ch, 1433 King's Hwy. 9 pm eat- 9:30pm Speaker. **Living Sober in Blackwood Anniv, Tues, Oct 16 @** 6:30pm, **Burlington 66<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Oct 16, Wed @** 8:00pm spkr-food to follow, **Bordentown Day of Sharing" Oct 19 @** Carslake Community Ctr, 209 Crosswicks Rd, Bordentown, 8:30am to Noon; 3 IGs join to discuss common problems, issues, & solutions relating to AA Service. **Live & Let Live 30<sup>th</sup> Anniv, Oct 27, Sun @** Virtua Hosp Mt Holly, 6:30 Food- Spkr, 7:30pm, Moorestown New Life, Sat 12 noon mtg, moved to St Matthew Lutheran Ch, 318 Chester Av, Moorestown, NJ (Past 7Eleven).

**Tradition # 9:** Jimmy P

next month **Tradition # 10:** Bruce B

**Concept # 9:** Ryan

next month **Concept # 10:** Matt

**Greeters for Sept:** Scott & Brian

**Set-up/Cleaners for Sept:** Mike & Dee

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Ans. Service Chair:** Marty C **Co-Chair:** Lisa S.

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**Archives Chair:** Jenn **Co-Chair:** Lauren C

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The "Morning Glory" Homegp was founded in September 1991, due to a need for local morning meetings. "Morning Glory" holds eight meetings per week: 8:00am Monday-Friday; a men's meeting at 7:30am on Saturdays; a 9:30am meeting on Saturdays; & a 7:30am meeting on Sundays. This group first met at the Haddonfield United Methodist Church. Their current location is at the Ashland Presbyterian Church, 33 Evesham Rd, Cherry Hill, NJ.

**AA "fun facts"** for Sept. from the Archives page on our Intergp website- [www.aasj.org](http://www.aasj.org): **September 1946:** 1st AA group is founded in Mexico, **September 1940:** The "Big Book" receives an unfavorable review from the *Journal of Nervous and*

*Mental Diseases*, **September 13, 1941**: WHJP in Jacksonville, Florida airs "Spotlight on AA". A lot more Fun Facts available on-line. Check it out!!

**Bookers Chair:** Mike M 609-456-9695      **Co-Chair:** Carrie M 609-668-9356      [booker@aaaj.org](mailto:booker@aaaj.org)  
Next Bookers Exchange is Nov. 7 @ 8pm. The address is 101C Rose Ave, Runnemede, NJ, New Beginnings Club. However, if you are using a GPS, please use the address 1001 Rose Ave, Runnemede, NJ. Please come out if you want speakers to come to your gp or if your gp wants to take speaking commitments.

**Budget & Finance Chair:** Steve C      **Co-Chair:** Jennifer S      [budget@aaaj.org](mailto:budget@aaaj.org)  
First Proposal for 2014 presented; will be attached to IG Report to be presented @ Homegps. LIPPS will be taken out, and there may be a few small changes before the final budget is presented.

**H&I Chair:** Scott P      **Co-Chair:** Becky P      [handi@aaaj.org](mailto:handi@aaaj.org)  
We had 11 gps in attendance leaving 11 open commitments out of 141. Currently all openings are filled for Oct. **Sat Nite Men's & Women's mtg in Maryville are open for beginning of Nov. Open Host positions- Men's in Maryville-Wed & Women's in Maryville-Fri.** Contact H&I if interested. Thanks to all of the Groups, Hosts, & Volunteers for all their continued efforts in helping to Carry the Message to the next Sick & Suffering here in H&I. We applaud your steadfast dedication and tireless energy. Reminder to All Hosts, Volunteers, and Committee helpers that No Literature will be given out "On Account" through H&I without approval through the Chair/Co-Chair. Please email or Phone us prior to visiting the office. This will ensure a speedy, safe & consistent process that's already established with the Literature Committee. **Please spread the word-New H&I Location Started**, Inspira Hospital Psych Unit, 333 Irving Ave Bridgeton NJ 08302 from Sat 5-6pm. All SJIG H&I volunteers come join us on Sat., Oct. 19th, @ 8:30 am for registration at Carlslake Community Center, Bordentown Nj from 9am-1pm for the 3 Intergroups "Day Of Sharing" Lets mix it up with Central Jersey & Cape-Atlantic on how to improve what we do in Service. Committee Discussion at next Business Mtg of putting together ideas on a H&I Service Workshop. **Next committee mtg will take place on Mon, Sept. 30 @ 7pm at the IG Office**, to book for month of Nov. Please bring a friend with you.

**Literature Chair:** Joe C      **Co-Chair:**      [literature@aaaj.org](mailto:literature@aaaj.org)  
LITERATURE REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 08/31/2013

Balance as of 08/01	\$9,433.45
Deposits/Credits	+ 4,234.45
Checks/Debits	- 2,671.55
Balance as of 08/31/13	\$ 10,996.35

Thanks All the literature volunteers for their continuous contributions in keeping the doors open. Another Thank you Jimmy P & Chick T for taking The Road Show out to Hainesport on Mon. Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. Jimmy is a huge fan of the Grapevine Books and he pushes them. Literature continues to remain solvent because of these efforts. RS has 3 invites: Wed- Oct 16 @ Burlington Mtg, Sun- Oct 27 @ Mt Holly Virtua Mtg & Mon- Oct 28 @ Last Mile Audubon Gp. Anyone interested in helping w/RS or having RS come to their gp contact Literature Committee. Lit Chr went to Grapevine Fest this week-end. Would like to get a workshop together. **Looking for a Wed Night Volunteer-6-8PM; 1 to 2 yrs sobriety required.** Grapevine will be publishing another new book this Fall-"No Matter What: Dealing With Adversity In Sobriety". We should have it on our shelves soon. **Reminder to All Comm. Chrs-** Inform your Hosts, Volunteers, & Comm helpers that No Literature will be given to them w/out Your (the reps) approval through the Literature Chr/Co-Chr. Please email or Phone me. Literature still be in need of Chr/Co-Chr @ the end of 2013; Newcomer will be assisted in transition.

**Meeting list Chair:** Dee B      **Co-Chair:** Kelly B      [meetinglist@aaaj.org](mailto:meetinglist@aaaj.org)  
7 changes this month. Everything is working fine with Webmaster. Reminder that sending changes multiple times does not make a change occur faster. Please give Webmaster some time to make change and then check to confirm change. To make a change go to AA.org. There is a confusion regarding Sat Nite Live-2 mtgs @ the same time; Check on-line for the locations.

**Newsletter Chair:** Patty H      **Co-Chair:** Angie Y      [newsletter@aaaj.org](mailto:newsletter@aaaj.org)  
**We've got an interview with Bud C, who is celebrating 50 years of sobriety**, as well as some really good answers to our question of the month about prayers. We will probably make a special appeal in this month's newsletter—Will do a section on the need for volunteers to step up for most of the committees & open elected positions. **Position of Newsletter chair & co-chair will be open at the end of term. Chair will train someone to take over.** Also need at least one newsletter member who is good w/ technical aspects of desktop publishing (graphics, templates, etc.). Angie is the person who really made the newsletter look beautiful, She will be sorely missed, Thank You! **Topics for Oct. are:**

**“What does Humility mean for you?” & “What do you have to share on the 10<sup>th</sup> Step &/or 10<sup>th</sup> Tradition; deadline is Oct 11<sup>th</sup>.** Deadline schedule for each month is in Newsletter.

**P & I Chair:** Chris      **Co-Chair:** Ron  
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**Social Events Chair:** Mike L      **Co-Chair:** Brian C

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The camping trip to Rickett's Glen went well w/ Brian C. at the helm. **Tickets on sale for the Gratitude Dinner/Dance on November 16<sup>th</sup>** - \$20.00 p/p. to be held at Nicolosi's, 1 Hessian Ave, West Deptford, NJ. For tickets contact Mike Lore: 856-779-1830 [mikelore@voicenet.com](mailto:mikelore@voicenet.com) or Brian C: (609) 932-0477 [briantrav33@aol.com](mailto:briantrav33@aol.com). \$1,000.00 Deposit sent to Nicolosi's for reservation. DJ was chosen-will sign the contract & inform to play a good mix of music.

**Unity Chair:** Joe T      **Co-Chair:** Ron S

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**In serious need of people in AA who are comfortable talking in front of people.** We cannot meet all the invitations we have received, as there are only two people doing the presentations. If anyone is interested in doing presentations, contact via e-mail or call. Since Aug we spoke to 2 gps and have 3 pending. Reps- announce @ your Homegps that service & involvement is necessary & Bring importance of service up as mtg topics. Please discuss Unity Flyers in your gp- Flyers available. Reps-review & present AA guidelines so AAs know about open positions & what service is avail to them.

**Website Chair:** Janet I  
No Report

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## SPECIAL REPORTS

**Trustees:** Anna D, Jeff S, Wayne P, Andy E, Dave P.

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Met Tues, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> We determined the need and cost for insurance & present @ IG, with a piece on Traditions.

**Area 45/SJIG Liaison:** Rosemary O

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I attended the Area 45 Spring Assembly on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. The following was discussed. Andrew (Chairman) sent out a moment of silence for the passing of a past delegate, RuthAnn.

Janet (Delegate) Attended Mission Ch workshop on May 18<sup>th</sup>. It was a workshop for the Court System – discussed disruptive behavior & keeping women w/women & men w/men. Also attended the NERF conference on June 6 & 7<sup>th</sup>.

Janet informed Area that there are 59,321 Gps in US, 5,093 Gps in Canada, 1,499 Groups – Correctional facilities.

Joe (Alt Delegate) Attended Area 45 Convention Committee. Met w/GSO staff. Visited Cape Atlantic, Central and SJ Intergps. Will be attending Day of Sharing at Carslake in Bordentown on Sat, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Dave (Treasurer) Beginning Balance \$27,346.96 - Ending Balance \$42,624.67

Stephanie (Registrar) 531 Active Groups, 9 Spanish Groups

Kim (Secretary) Sept 9<sup>th</sup> is deadline for submission for Newsletter

Frank (50<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Chair – Yippee) logo is “Better Than Gold”. There was no new business discussed.

November elections will be at the November Assembly.

**Area 45 Alternate Delegate:** Joe McA

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Area 45 held at summer assembly on August 19<sup>th</sup>. With no agenda items to vote on. We had two sharing sessions with your very helpful in keeping our gps informed of how their officers were safe guarding the area's prudent reserve.

Our immediate past Delegate Elaine McA. Announced that the elections will be held at our Nov assembly, taking place in Collingswood @ the Senior Ctr. Please remind your GSR's, to come out and vote.

Our winter assembly will be held at this time. November the 17<sup>th</sup>. Two agenda items, on changes to the Area 45 handbook, will be voted on.

Please remember to **attend the Annual Day of Sharing @ Carslake in Bordentown on Sat, Oct 19<sup>th</sup>**. The day is sharing will be hosted by Central Jersey. But the event involves all 3 inter groups and the area.

**Other Area 45 Info:** Announced @ mtg that Area 45 is going to have a time capsule, which will be sealed @ this yrs convention. The capsule will be opened in 25 yrs, at the 75<sup>th</sup> convention. Donations are being collected from IG, individ gps, committees, individuals. Asking for donations to be what you feel are representative of AA in our area. Flyers are avail for donations, w/submission forms.

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Office hours: Tues, Wed, & Thurs Hours: 12:00pm to 3:00pm

Office manager is available to make literature sales while office is open. Call prior to arrival.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Motion to move \$3,000.00 from Literature Committee into IG General Funds- Voted-Passed.
- H&I Committee recommends that all Gps within our 5 counties of SJ **send all future LIPS Donations directly to Area 45 Corrections Committee. Donations are specifically intended to aid inmates obtain Literature in Prisons & Jails. Please send checks or donations to P.O. Box 3724, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 payable to Area 45 Corrections Committee-LIPS. Please include your gps info on the check.** Will place info where future LIPS contributions are to be sent in Newsletter, place a link on SJIG website, & continue to announce. Motion that all LIPS donation money and a list of where the donations came from be sent to Area 45 Corrections Committee by Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, to complete receipt of LIPS in SJIG-Voted-Passed.
- Motion to update website to remove Prison & Jails from SJ website and provide a link to Area 45 Corrections Committee-Voted-Passed.
- H&I has \$1,087.00 in LIPS & how do we forward to Area 45 Corrections Committee. Motion to immediately forward the entire LIPS amount, to date, to Area 45 Corrections Committee passed. All literature contributed year to date by SJIG to Area 45 Corrections Committee or to corrections facilities is being considered a donation from SJIG to Area 45 Corrections Committee.
- H&I is interested in having a Service Workshop for H&I commitments, due to incidents, Next H&I mtg will address some questions IE: Do we raise the Limit of the sobriety time?
- **Time to start thinking Alcathon!!!** Thanksgiving is around the corner. **Ask your gp if they are interested in hosting Holiday Alcathons, if interested contact IG Office, Chr or Vice-Chr. .**
- SJ Inter group presented the idea of purchasing a Group Umbrella Insurance Policy. The groups are to decide if they are interested in pursuing this service. GSO was contacted regarding insurance/ other areas do have insurance. Trustees submitted for 3 proposals- \$10,200 & \$10,400/yr. There are 275 gps, 574 mtgs/wk, 25,000 mtg/yr = \$.40/mtg. Comes to \$40.00/gp/yr. Took an inventory of how many gps pay insurance, most are in churches. Insurance is a growing need for gps. This presentation was initiated due to some gps closing because they could not afford to pay insurance-some pay up to \$800.00/yr for ins. Finding a mtg place is difficult if gp has no certificate of insurance. There are some legal requirements needed to be filled to be covered. Ie: Fill out form claiming to be a member of SJIG Association w/GSO #. More info and details will need to be investigated if gps are interested and IG is to pursue further. Traditions were read to Reps to ensure IG was following Tradition guidelines in presenting this service to the gps & to answer questions concerning the intention of this proposal. Reps are to take insurance idea to gps to be discussed, develop questions, & remember; ultimately the Gps are to decide if they want this insurance. If there are any questions please e-mail trustees @ [trustees@aaaj.org](mailto:trustees@aaaj.org). 9/18 was the proposal of the service of providing insurance. Trustees are to have a **question & answer session next month, AFTER the Oct IG Mtg is adjourned.** This issue is not to be discussed during the IG mtg. This way we can also find out who is interested and move from there.

**Adjournment:** 9:25 pm with the *"I Am Responsible" Pledge*

**Respectfully Submitted- Recording Secretary:** Catharine E    **Reporting Secretary:** Terry D    [secretary@aaaj.org](mailto:secretary@aaaj.org)