

## SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP MEETING & IG REP MEETING UPDATES

Date: Intergroup- May 18, 2016

Opening: Opened at 8:01 pm with "Serenity Prayer"

### Trustee Reading: Bruce on Step 5

#### Anniversaries

Karen 23 years  
Dan 13 years  
Sean 35 years  
Tom 18 years

#### Group Announcements

- New York Trip June 19th 1-3 p.m., The Big Meeting- to celebrate 81 years
- 23rd Annual Pennsylvania State Convention August 5th, 6th and 7th.
- New Meeting: Many Paths to Spirituality, Tuesday 7 p.m. at New Beginnings Clubhouse
- Glamssboro Acceptance Group, Wednesday 8 p.m. at First United Methodist Fellowship Hall
- New Intergroup Office hours - Tuesday 3-6, Wednesday 12-3 and Thursday 12-3
- Prince of Peace Anniversary Meeting Friday May 20th 11:30-1:00 p.m.
- Masonville Group 27th Anniversary May 23rd, 6:00 p.m. food, 7:00 p.m. speakers
- Runnemede Speaker Jam June 11th 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at New Beginnings Clubhouse
- Cherry Hill Young Peoples 15th Anniversary, June 15th
- Palmyra Group Anniversary, 15 years, June 13th, 6:30 p.m. food, 7:00 p.m. speakers
- Masonville 27th Anniversary, June 23rd, 7:00 p.m. food
- Voorhees Big Book 13th Anniversary, June 5th, 6:00 p.m. food, 7:00 p.m. speakers
- Moorestown Men into Action Anniversary, June 15th, 7:00 p.m. food

#### Intergroup Chair: Brett R

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Happy May! Andrew, the Area 45 Delegate, Rich, Area chair, the Chairs of Central Jersey IG and Cape Atlantic IG, and I had a conference call to discuss the proposal for Area to focus on Grapevine sales while transferring Grapevine literature sales to the three IGs. Area will produce an inventory of the Grapevine literature in Area's possession. This plan would require SJIG to purchase a portion of the Grapevine literature from Area, which our Steering committee has already approved. Area would also like the three IGs to bring Grapevine literature to the Area Assemblies with each IG bringing literature to the Assemblies held in its territory. We can discuss this further if this seems problematic.

Reminder that the next Area Assembly is May 15 in Elmer. Our founder's day picnic is June 12, at the Subaru Pavilion in Cooper River park, from 11am to 3pm.

#### Intergroup Vice-Chair: Joe M

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No Report

#### Treasurer: Andy E- Asst. Treasurer: Brian C

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Thanks to the continued strong support from all of our Groups, April has been a good month. All bills are paid, and we will file for an extension of time for our Corporate 2015 Return, (but may not need it). We will reconcile all accounts before the Intergroup Meeting. Thanks to everyone for putting some identifying information on your contributions. It makes our jobs sooo much easier.

Enjoy Spring !

**Tradition # 5:** Johnny

**Concept # 5:** Alan

**Greeters for April:** Brian & Paul

**Set-up/Cleaners for April:** Ian, Tim

Patty & Dylan

next month **Tradition # 6:** Johnny

next month **Concept # 6:** Joe C

**Greeters for May:** Alan & Bill

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Joe, Patty

## COMMITTEE REPORT

### **Ans. Service Chair: Tim A Co-Chair: Tracy C**

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10 shifts reported their call totals for April I am looking into why I am having a small return of reports , and that totaled 100 calls taken by committee members. We request that everyone 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 only 57 calls. This number is up from the 50 calls taken by Answercomm in March.

Currently we have an open shift on Tuesday mornings 8am to 10am. We also continue to take name for our waiting list, and are still taking AA members to sign up to be available for a 12 Step call, so please have interested people continue to contact us via [answeringservice@aaaj.org](mailto:answeringservice@aaaj.org).

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

Give Thanks for your sobriety with a new service commitment!

### **Archives Chair: Lou**

**Co-Chair: Ian G**

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The Archives committee is still working on collecting new data from different groups. I've recently discovered that we have a mailbox at the intergroup office thanks to Karen M. I thank all of you that have been submitting materials to us for the archives.

I've found about 100 cassette tapes on the shelf and am working on setting up a system to record them digitally. Yes, this means physically listening to every single one haha. Anyone that would like to get into service and help us with this process would be greatly appreciated.

### **Bookers Chair: Jennifer D Co-Chair: Rick M**

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The quarterly Booker's exchange was held on Cinco de Mayo and was a great success!!! There were 28 groups represented and a total of 205 commitments were booked!

The next Booker's exchange will be held on Thursday August 4th at 8 pm at the New Beginnings Clubhouse in Runnemede NJ. Hope to see you there!!!!

### **Budget & Finance Chair: Laura R. Co-Chair: Lauren C.**

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The literature committee is doing well and the account balance is higher than usual. We are working with the Treasurer to determine if an amount should be transferred to Prudent Reserve. Thank you Andy for bring this to our attention! Much appreciated!

As a friendly reminder, we are asking the committees to review their 2017 budgetary needs back to us by ~June 2016. We will be happy to work with committees if they need help.

### **H&I Chair: Patti S**

**Co-Chair: Frank C**

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We held our last meeting on Monday April 25th at 7pm for the June commitments. We had 9 groups in attendance. We had a total of 176 commitments and to date, 21 are still open. We have 6 still open for May. We continue to send out emails to our contacts to attempt to get them filled.

Here are the open commitments:

May

Daybreak - Thursday - 10:30 -12pm , the 19th and 26th  
Vineland Academy - Friday May 13th

Unity I - Wednesday - 10-10:30 am, 4, 18,25

June

Unity I - Cherry Hill - Wednesday - 10-10:30 am - 1, 15,22,29

Delaware House - Westampton - Wednesday -1-2 pm - 1, 8, 22

Lourdes medical Center - June 23rd - 8-9 pm

Unity II - Thursday June 2, 16, 30 - 2-3 pm

Daybreak - Thursday June 9, 16, 23, 30 - 10:30a-12 pm

Vineland Victory - Men Only - Friday June 3, 10 7-8 pm

Virtua Memorial - Mt Holly - Saturday June 18 - 8:30-9:30 pm

**Literature Chair: Jimmy G. Co-Chair: Melanie M**

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Bank balance April 1: \$9,752.09

Credits: 2,670.80

Debits: 1,247.41

Bank balance April 30: 11,175.48

The debits include the usual \$200. payment into the Intergroup general account. We have not yet made a payment based on number of meeting lists produced, as agreed at last month's steering committee meeting. After we start that, and order some more books, I hope to see the bank balance get down to four figures again.

**Meeting list Chair: Traci K Co-Chair: Laura K**

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Laura continues to do an awesome job confirming and submitting all change requests that are sent in. I double check them once they are completed by the webmaster.

Had another folding and stapling session set up last Weds but no one confirmed so I went to office and took about 800 lists home with me. I will drop them back off at the office this week. I cannot make the steering meeting.

**Newsletter Chair: April E Co-Chair: Shawn McK.**

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The June newsletter content is being gathered now. Bruce B submitted an interesting compilation piece about Lincoln and his ties to AA, and Shawn is receiving an nice convention wrap-up from Robin. We have one correction that we will be adding regarding the responsibility pledge piece that ran last month. We are hoping to get another piece or two if anyone has anything...hint hint :)

We will be sending all newsletters content to our designer, Steve, this weekend.

**Public Info Chair: Jim S Co-Chair: Eileen T**

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Public Information supported the Annual Health and Wellness Fair, titled "Passport to Wholeness."; at the Center for Counseling and Wellness Services at Rowan College at Gloucester County on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. The fair was a huge success and we were able to hand out literature and answer questions for 19 students who stopped by our table. We will be asked to join them again next year.

PI continues to support IDRC in Westmont.

**Social Events Chair: Sal C Co-Chair: Dylan B**

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It's been a wonderful spring thus far. Our camping trip was a success. The weather was perfect and the attendees had an awesome time around the fire!

Upcoming events stand as submitted. The Founders Day Picnic will be held on June 12th from 11:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M at Cooper River Park- Subaru pavilion in Pennsauken. We will be serving burgers and hot dogs, fruit, and an

assortment of side dishes. Food donations are always welcome (desserts🍷🍷). The day will consist of a meeting at 2 pm. All are welcome to attend this open event.

Sunday June 19th will be our New York Trip.The Big Meeting at the New York Hilton Hotel

1335 Avenue of the Americas / NY, NY.

Hosted by New York Intergroup.

The Big Meeting is a Three Speaker Open Meeting and will be interpreted for the Deaf. (Seventh Tradition collection will be taken). It is a celebration of of AA's 81st anniversary.

\*WE WILL MEET AT THE SJ INTERGROUP OFFICE AT 8:00 AM FOR DEPARTURE.

We are rigorously working on attaining the best possible transportation methods for group departure. Be sure to check the website for additional details.

New events in the agenda will include a canoe day trip and a fishing outing.

Thank you to all who helped us gather ideas and assisted the committee in organizing these events.

**Unity Chair: Cletus C**      **Co-Chair:** [unity@aasj.org](mailto:unity@aasj.org)

We had 4 new Intergroup Reps sign up, in April. Three were replacing there former Reps, and one was entirely new and joining us as a direct result of your visit to her Home Group!

I have one new Committee person, Kyle, and have since last week established that Bernie will be my Co-Chair.

**Website Chair: Ray**      **Co-Chair: Courtney** [webmaster@aasj.org](mailto:webmaster@aasj.org)

Next requirements meetings will be Sunday May 15th at 1:00 p.m. Anyone with an opinion of what they would like to see on the website should attend this meeting. Please inquire with Ray when the next meeting will be held so you can attend.

Also, please contact Ray if you would like to be involved with the website and have any interest or experience with programming.

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

**Trustees: Beverly M. , Kelli S. , Tina O,  
Bruce B. , Edward J.**  
No Report

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**Office Manager: Karen M.**

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All is going well in the office. Thanks to Andy and the others who helped out while I was away.

I received information on the Annual Central Office / Intergroup Seminar which will take place in November. My goal is to attend and bring back a lot of great information to make our office even better.

Trivia Question: How many meeting lists did we sell in 2015? (answer will be provided next month)

**Old Business:**  
None

**New Business:**

It was discussed in February that Literature had a lot of extra money due to a few reasons- one being that they were

not paying IG back for meeting lists, as well as Jimmy managing it very well! There is currently a little more than \$11,000 in the account.

Prudent Reserve should be 6 months of operating expenses (\$4000/month so would equal \$24,000 total.)

Motion proposed was- Move \$4000 to Prudent Reserve from Literature (this would make prudent reserve \$24K)

- \$1000 to Capital Equipment (total= \$9000 and could be used toward new copier that has been discussed)
- Leave Literature at \$6000 balance
- MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**Adjournment:** 8:33 PM with the *"I Am Responsible" Pledge*

Respectfully Submitted-

**Secretary: Chelsea C Assist. Secretary: Nichole B.**

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