

**SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP MEETING & IG REP MEETING UPDATES**

**Date: Intergroup- August 16, 2016**

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

**Trustee Reading: Step 8**

**Anniversaries**

Stacey	4 years
Lisa	4 years
Beverly	14 years
Laura	11 years
Brett	16 years
Gary	8 years
Rick	34 years
Charlie	33 years

**Group Announcements**

- Willingboro Group Monday night needs support, Mon/Thurs 7 p.m.
- September 19<sup>th</sup>: Blackwood Women's Step Meeting Anniversary, 7 p.m. dessert, 7:30 p.m. speakers
- September 25<sup>th</sup>: Riverton Group 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 7 p.m. food, 8 p.m. meeting
- September 12<sup>th</sup>: Hainesport Serenity Group 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, 8 p.m.
- October 14<sup>th</sup> – October 16<sup>th</sup>, Matt Talbot Retreat
- September 12<sup>th</sup>: Women's Pen to Paper Anniversary, 7 p.m. food, 8 p.m. meeting
- September 22<sup>nd</sup>: Mt. Ephraim Tuesday Women's Meeting Anniversary, 6:30 p.m. food, 7:30 p.m. meeting
- September 9<sup>th</sup>: Collingswood Big Book Step Study Anniversary, 7:30 p.m.
- The Other Twelve Traditions meeting, Monday night at New Beginnings needs support
- September 16<sup>th</sup>: Columbus Friday Night Anniversary, 6:30 p.m. picnic, 8 p.m. meeting
- Last Stop Camden needs support

**Intergroup Chair: Brett R**

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Greetings. I trust your summers are going swimmingly. I plan on attending the next Area Assembly on August 21, 2016, in Bordentown. The Annual Day of Sharing, which is a gathering of SJIG, CapeAtlantic IG and Central Jersey IG, has been scheduled for October 15, 2016, location t/b/d.

**Intergroup Vice-Chair: Joe M**

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No Report

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

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Sorry for the late report, but I haven't been feeling well.  
Thanks to all our Groups, we had another good month.  
All accounts are current, Federal Return Filed, State to follow.

Thanks for allowing us to Serve your Group!

**Tradition # 8:** Jake

next month **Tradition # 8:**

**Concept # 8:** Brian

next month **Concept # 8:**

**Greeters for April:** Bill & Stacey

**Greeters for May:**

**Set-up/Cleaners for April:** Tom, Lisa

**Set-up/Cleaners for May:**

James & Patty

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

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10 shifts reported their call totals for July I am looking into why I am having a small return of reports, and that totaled 70 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 61 calls. This number is up from the 57 calls taken by Answercomm in May. I am still looking for the reason why there is an increase in the number of calls taken by Answercomm. We would like to have all the calls to be received by the members of AA, so the caller is speaking to an alcoholic.

**Currently we have no open shifts.** 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@aasj.org](mailto:answeringservice@aasj.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** [archives@aasj.org](mailto:archives@aasj.org)  
We still have meeting lists, newsletters, and other submissions coming into our mailbox. We also have had a couple more group histories that have come in. We appreciate the effort that everyone is putting into our past. Please keep them coming. Thanks all.

**Bookers Chair: Jennifer D - Co-Chair: Rick M** [booker@aasj.org](mailto:booker@aasj.org)  
The bookers exchange August 4th was a great success! Thirty one (31) groups were in attendance and a total of 202 commitments were booked. The next exchange will be held Thursday November 3rd at the New Beginnings Clubhouse in Runnemede NJ at 8 pm!

**Budget & Finance Chair: Laura R. - Co-Chair: Lauren C.** [budget@aasj.org](mailto:budget@aasj.org)  
Thank you to the committees for the interactive discussion at last month's steering meeting regarding the 2017 proposed budget. I have updated the rent for 2017 to include the anticipated rent increase of \$300. I have also added a line item for Tech Support Budget for us to discuss (thanks karen for the suggestion). This will help support the tech issues and improvements for the website committee. I have entered \$1500 as a proposed 2017 budget for Tech Support. I entered the remaining anticipated funds to 'Office Expenses - other' to balance the budget to 0. We can discuss these changes and any further comments at our next meeting

**H&I Chair: Patti S - Co-Chair: Frank C** [handi@aasj.org](mailto:handi@aasj.org)  
Good evening,  
We held our last meeting on July 25, 2016 at 7 pm at the Intergroup Office.  
We had 173 total commitments  
We had 22 open at the end of the meeting.  
We had 15 groups in attendance. The attendance is holding strong at 15 or more. Let's keep this going. Please remind your own Homegroup to send someone to the H&I meeting.  
Our next meeting will be held August 29, 2016 at 7pm at the Intergroup office.

We now have 10 commitments open for September.  
Here is a list of all open commitments for August and September.

### **August**

Wednesday August 24 - Unity Cherry Hill.

Thursday August 18 - Ancora

Thursday August 4 and 18th - Unity II -Hammonton

Thursday August 11, 25 - Daybreak - Atco

Friday August 19, 26 - Vineland Mens Academy - Vineland

### **September**

Wednesday September 7 and 21 - Unity Place I Cherry Hill

Wednesday September 19 - Northbrook - Blackwood

Thursday September 1,15, 29 - Unity II - Hammonton

Thursday September 8, 15,22 and 29 - Daybreak - Atco

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

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Here's what the bank statement tells us --  
Balance, July 1 \$8,487.04  
5 credits 4,163.90  
4 debits 2,998.00  
Balance, July 31 9,652.94.

As usual, the credits are mostly deposits from literature sales and the debits are mostly orders from AA World Services. We are still a little slow about ordering literature, so our inventory is a little lower than usual. We may start filling up that room again as we get more confident about ordering. We are also getting used to the new system of making payments to Intergroup's general account for the printing of meeting lists. The literature chair is very grateful for the patient advice of the treasurer and the office manager -- and of my predecessor Janet, who is still available to help me!

**Meeting list Chair: Traci K - Co-Chair: Laura K** [meetinglist@aasj.org](mailto:meetinglist@aasj.org)  
Sub committee is stapling and folding Tuesday nights at Intergroup office. All lists are up to date.

**Newsletter Chair: April E - Co-Chair: Shawn McK.** [newsletter@aasj.org](mailto:newsletter@aasj.org)  
The September newsletter is underway--we have already received a nice article about the pamphlets from Robin M. and a very good AA message entitled the "fountain of youth" from Veronica G. We have an announcement about a new speaker meeting in Sewell, and our usual AA things to do. We also hope to try something new with Karen M this month, who has offered to help compile a "help wanted" section (with open service opportunities). There is still time if anyone would like to submit anything for this edition!

**Public Info Chair: Jim S - Co-Chair: Eileen T** [publicinfo@aasj.org](mailto:publicinfo@aasj.org)  
PI continues to service IDRC in Westmont and Mount Holly. Eileen T has been able to make inroads with local police departments, providing them with literature in the way of pamphlets to hand out. Thank you Eileen for your continued service to the fellowship and spreading the word.

**Social Events Chair: Sal C - Co-Chair: Dylan B** [socialevents@aasj.org](mailto:socialevents@aasj.org)  
Summer is flying by but it isn't over yet!

Upcoming activities include a canoeing trip on Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 AM at Micks Pine Barrens Canoe and Kayak Rental - 3107 County Rd 563 Chatsworth, NJ 08019. For rates call (609) 726-1380.

A trip to New York City is being finalized for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Reel Recovery Film Festival on Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. More information will be revealed by the end of the month. Writers In Treatment present the festival, which is a celebration of film, the arts, writing and creativity. The festival will showcase filmmakers who make honest films about addiction, alcoholism, behavioral disorders, treatment and recovery. Slated for screening is an eclectic lineup of contemporary and classic films, documentaries and shorts from American and international, first-time filmmakers and industry veterans. Keep checking the website ([aasj.org](http://aasj.org)) for updates on this event and meet-up times.

Social Events has added a new member to our committee. We like to welcome Sherrill!  
If you or anyone in your home group is interested in becoming involved in setting up a AA-friendly event please contact Sal C. at 609-741-7393 or Dylan B. at 609-922-5390.

**Unity Chair: Cletus C - Co-Chair:** [unity@aasj.org](mailto:unity@aasj.org)  
We signed up about 6 new reps in July, and we gave out 3 meetings to visit.  
As of July we have given out a total of 55 meetings to visit, asking them to join us at Intergroup, and 16 of these have come and signed up with Intergroup.

**Website Chair: Ray - Co-Chair: Courtney** [webmaster@aasj.org](mailto:webmaster@aasj.org)  
Can now submit meeting list changes through the site.

## SPECIAL REPORTS

**Trustees: Beverly M., Kelli S., Tina O,  
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No Report

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**Office Manager: Karen M.**

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Literature hours on August 18<sup>th</sup> will be 10am – noon and 6-8 pm (no office manager hours).

Thank you to Jake and friends for kicking off production of the August meeting lists. They will be released this month. There may be a need to purchase an additional Keurig machine for our Intergroup meetings. Traffic at the coffee counter will flow more smoothly with 2 machines. Thank you to the 60 Minute Serenity Group who has been allowing us to use their machine and to Andy for suggesting the purchase of a second one.

July Trivia Answer: Can you name 12 books that are published by AA Grapevine?

Intergroup carries 18 Grapevine story collections in addition to other Grapevine books and CDs. Please pick up a list of titles to see which one is the best for you.

August/Sept Trivia Question: How does your group's contribution to Intergroup help the newcomer?

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Motion to buy new Keurig passed.

**Adjournment:** 8:39 PM with the *"I Am Responsible" Pledge*

Respectfully Submitted-

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