

SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP MEETING & IG REP MEETING UPDATES

Date: Intergroup- April 19, 2017

Opening: Opened at 8:02 pm with "Serenity Prayer"

Group Announcements

- 6th Annual Liberty Bell Roundup, June 23rd, 24th and 25th at Clarion Philadelphia Airport
- The New Life Group 34th Anniversary, June 24th, food 11:30 a.m., speakers at noon.
- Founders Day Picnic, June 17th, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. @ Cooper River Park
- Traditions Workshop, Saturday May 6th, 10:00 a.m. at New Beginnings
- Masonville Group of Mount Laurel 28th Anniversary, May 22nd, 6:00 p.m. food, 7:00 p.m. speakers

Trustee Reading: Step 4: Bruce

Tradition #4: Traci

Concept #4: Lou

Greeters for April: Tim, Robin

Set-up/Cleaners for April: Tom, Melissa
Patti, Jeff

next month Tradition #5: Carl

next month Concept #5: Jen

Greeters for May: John, Jake

Set-up/Cleaners for May: Melissa, Jill
Frank, Dylan

Chair: Brett R

chairperson@asaj.org

Spring has sprung! Hope you are all enjoying the great weather. I am happy to welcome Josh to SJIG as our new Webmaster. He appears to have jumped right in. We are also welcoming back Anna who has agreed to lead the meeting list folding and stapling effort. Let's all do what we can to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Vice-Chair: Joe M

vchairperson@asaj.org

No Report

Treasurer: Andy E Asst. Treasurer: Brian C

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All is well, we have reconciled all accounts, and are on track to be in the black again next month. Please continue to put as much information as possible on your Contribution check. We appreciate our Groups continued support.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Ans. Service Chair: Tim A Co-Chair: Tracey C

answeringservice@asaj.org

14 shifts reported their call totals for March, that totaled 62 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 50 calls. This number is up from the 40 calls taken by Answercomm in January. I would like to hear back from more of the shifts to get a better idea of how many total calls we do receive in a month. 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 shifts open on Saturday 6pm to 8pm, and we have Thursday 10am until noon and Friday 8am until 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@asaj.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 S Co-Chair: Ian G

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No Report

Bookers Chair: Jennifer D Co-Chair: Rick M

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The next Bookers exchange will be held Thursday May 4th at 8 pm. The location is the New Beginnings Clubhouse 101C Rose Avenue in Runnemede. Hope to see you there!!!!

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

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Thank you to those that have provided suggestions in the suggestion box - please continue the submissions! At this time we do not have any suggestions that would require a budgetary impact. We will need a new Budget Chair & Co-Chair for 2018-2019 term. If you are interested in either of these positions or learning more about the Budget & Finance responsibilities please reach out to us and we can include you on the committee activities now for a smooth transition.

H&I Chair: Patti S Co-Chair: Frank C

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Hey everyone

we had a nice turn out again! I think its the donuts!!

We had 189 open commitments with 19 left open.

We had a total of 20 groups. We did happen to get a lot of the daytime ones filled!!

Here are the open Commitments for April and May

April

Ancora 7-8 pm Hammonton

April 24

Ancora 7-8 pm Hammonton

April 27

Unity II 2-3 pm Hammonton

April 20

Daybreak 10:30-12pm Atco

April 20,27

May

Ancora 7-8pm Hammonton

May 15,22

Delaware House 2-3pm Westampton

May 9, 23

Unity II 12:40-1:30pm Cherry Hill

May 17,24,31

Ancora 7-8pm Hammonton

May 25

Daybreak 10:30-12 noon Atco

May 11,18,25

Inspira Hospital 4-5pm Woodbury

May 13

Cooper 10:30-11:30 am Camden

May 6,20

Virtua Hospital 8:30-9:30 pm Mt Holly

May 13, 20

Thank you to all the groups that continue to show up and take the commitments. We appreciate your time and effort.

Literature Chair: Jimmy G Co-Chair: Melanie M

literature@asaj.org

Here are the numbers, as usual.

Bank balance, 1 March 2017: \$7,361.41

6 credits: 5,670.00

6 debits: 5,274.20

balance, 31 March 2017: \$7,757.21

The debits included a two-year subscription for 25 copies of the AA Grapevine.

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

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Not much to report. Thanks to the hard work of Karen, Andy and Janet, it looks like the changes that had not been completed since December are all done. We have only had a handful of changes in the past month or so. All were passed on to Karen and she took care of them.

Newsletter Chair: April E Co-Chair: Shawn McK

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This is our first month where we will be finishing the newsletter a week earlier to allow for steering committee review prior to Intergroup. That said, we are in major need of articles to fill the May edition. We would love to hear stories or raction from the convention, or any other pieces folks may have. My goal is to get all the content to our fearless designer, Steve, by Friday April 7th. This gives him the weekend to work on the layout and we can get the draft to the committee prior to the steering meeting. Please send any and all things my way as soon as possible. Thanks!

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

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Public Information continues to support IDRC in Westmont and Mt. Holly. Public information was recently invited to participate in the Rowan's Annual Health and Wellness Fair on Wednesday, April 19, 2017. The event will take place from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the University Center on Rowan College at Gloucester County (RCGC) campus. Anyone wishing to volunteer and man the table at this event should contact Jim S at 856-304-3201. Eileen T continues to spearhead programs with local High Schools, Doctor's offices, and local police departments. Eileen is still looking for volunteers for other programs. She can be contacted at publicinfo@aaaj.org. Please consider volunteering for this important service opportunity.

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

socialevents@aaaj.org

The Founders Day Picnic will be held on June 17th 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 p.m. All are welcome to attend this open event. Flyer and directions -2 pages- are available at Intergroup and on the aaaj.org calendar.

Unity Chair: Cletus C Co-Chair:

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We had 3 new Intergroup Reps sign up in March.

We still have some "non-participating Homegroups we would like to invite to Intergroup. Please see me after the Meeting if you would like to volunteer to visit one of these Groups

The Unity Committee is Presenting a Traditions Workshop on Saturday May 6th. It starts at 10am and is expected to end about 1pm. All are Invited! Light refreshments will be served. It is being held at The New Beginnings Club, in Runnemede, at their invitation.

Website Chair: Joshua V Co-Chair: Courtney K

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I, Joshua V. have accepted the commitment of webmaster for SJIG. To date, I am currently still on-boarding with Karen M. and the web committee to get up to speed on the processes and responsibilities involved with this commitment. After I have become acquainted with this role, we will proceed to pursue some new and exciting opportunities. Top priorities will be migrating to the virtual private server and deployment of a responsive mobile-friendly design for the site.

We have begun by analyzing and storyboarding the existing site, its current architecture, and the data model in preparation for deployment of a mobile ready site on the new virtual private server. To do this, we are exploring the benefits and drawbacks of moving to a content management system (CMS) such as WordPress vs. a legacy system that we develop from scratch in-house. A CMS would provide a more user friendly administration console, simplify maintenance for future web committee members. A legacy system may be deployed more rapidly as the learning curve for setup is not as steep as migrating to a CMS with which we would need to become intimately acquainted. Both options provide a mobile ready responsive user experience. The web committee members and I will be meeting to discuss the incentives and drawbacks of both options.

Currently, AASJ.org is still hosted under a shared hosting account by Webmasters. Upon my initial inspection, the

administration interface and software provided by Webmasters is subpar and outdated to current web standards. The database model and site architecture currently in production also have great room for optimization and cleanup.

Of other consideration is the new virtual private server (VPS) from Hostwinds that was acquired prior to my arrival. The new VPS is running the latest standard web software as well as more powerful hardware that will increase performance dramatically. Moving to the VPS will also address issues with being blacklisted, spam filters, and undeliverable mail as a dedicated VPS IP is regarded as safer by major email providers. We have a 1-year subscription expiring November 24th, 2017 for the Hostwinds VPS.

We do not have a formal project timeline developed yet, but given the renewal date, I expect to be running the new mobile-ready site in parallel with the current site a few months prior to that date so that we can thoroughly test before switching our domain to point to the Hostwinds VPS.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Trustees: Beverly M., Kelli S., Tina O, Bruce B., Edward J.

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No Report

Area 45 Alternate Delegate: Rose S

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Good Evening everyone, I am Rose and I am an alcoholic. I have the privilege to serve as Alt. Delegate for Area 45, South Jersey and the liaison to the (3) Area 45 Intergroups.

Area 45

I want to thank so many Intergroup members for coming out to our Area 45 Convention. It was a huge success. Please remember all those that would like to get involved in the convention, the first meeting is May 7 in Hammonton. Would also like to thank all intergroup members for their support for the mini conference held on April 8. The input is a great help to our delegate to take to NY

The next Area 45 assembly will be on May 21 in Section III. At the Elmer Grange Hall in Elmer.

I have flyers for the NE Regional Forum to be held on June 2-4 in Mars, PA.

Office Manager: Karen M

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Unity in action at the Area 45 General Service Convention:

1. Central Jersey was thrilled to offer meeting lists from our intergroup and Cape Atlantic Interroup at the convention. Thank you to everyone who participated in making that happen.
2. Thank you to the H&I committee for helping us provide general information about Intergroup at their table.

I'm excited to welcome Josh (webmaster) & Anna (meeting list maker) to our team. Both are off to a great start bringing talent and enthusiasm to their service contributions. I'm looking forward to seeing where this goes! Thank you to Courtney, Janet, Andy and other trusted service workers who helped through the transition. Thank you to the groups and committees for your patience and understanding.

Please join our Unity Committee and The Other Twelve Group for the traditions workshop on May 6th to see how our traditions apply to your service commitments and other relationships in your life.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motion- Update bylaws. Have 3-4 IG reps volunteer, along with someone from Steering (Eddie J/Brett) to help get the bylaws updated. Motion passed – Bring up at Intergroup meeting for IG reps to volunteer.

Adjournment at 8:45 p.m.: with the *"I Am Responsible" Pledge*

Respectfully Submitted- **Secretary: Chelsea C** **Assist. Secretary: Nichole B**

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Intergroup Notes:
