

SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP MEETING & IG REP MEETING UPDATES

Date: Intergroup- Wed. 4/15/2020

Opening: Opened at 8:00pm

Trustee Reading: Brett

Anniversaries:

Kevin 4/10- 37 years

Frank C 4/1- 7 years

Nancy 4/19- 5 years

Group Announcements:

Virtual Young People's Conferences

WEBYPAA

- The first ever virtual YPAA conference. It is hosted by the ICYPAA bid committees, the 5th Dimension Young Peoples Meeting and the 62nd ICYPAA Host committee. The first annual WEBYPAA will be hosted 4/17-4/19/2020.
- Webypaa.com for more details

Men's Early Riser Sat 4/18- 7am Anniversary: 2 speakers→ 1 male/1 female (see event page on aasj.org site for zoom info)

Tradition # 4: none

Concept # 4 : none

Greeters for April : n/a

Set-up/Cleaners for April: n/a

next month Tradition #5 : Melissa

next month Concept #5 : Patti

Greeters for May : n/a

Set-up/Cleaners for May: n/a

Chair: Brian C

chairperson@aasj.org

As I Sit and think about all the changes in the last month, I think "I don't like change".

With that said, AA will move on. We do adapt.

Spent most of the month helping the committee chairs adjusting to Covid 19 times.

Our Tech chair has done an awesome job keeping updates of what's going on, and adjusting the meeting list to ZOOM. I honestly don't know what we would have done, if we didn't have Richie's devotion to AA and all the groups. Thanks so much Richie!

We will continue supporting the groups, and keeping everybody informed the best we can.

Best way to see what's going on, is to look at aasj.org. All pertinent information will continue to be on the front page.

Hope everyone stays safe, and practices there social distancing!

We are all lucky to have the groups and AA people in our lives!

We will come out the other side of this better, and stronger!

Vice-Chair: Frank C

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What a crazy month it's been! I'd like to personally thank our Chair, Technology Chair and Trustees who've gone above and beyond to keep Intergroup running and disseminate good information to all groups and AAs in a rapidly changing landscape. As a result of their hard work (and everyone else) Intergroup and the groups it serves have experienced no down time, despite the pandemic.

The Steering Committee has had nearly weekly meetings since March 11 to keep things running smoothly and I'd like to thank all who have participated in those meetings as well. South Jersey Intergroup will continue to weather this storm!

Treasurer: Bill T

Asst. Treasurer: Andy E

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Hi! Hope that all are following guidance and staying SAFE! All bills have been paid, Our Quarterly Reports are ready to send, and we are continuing to operate per the "new normal". Thank you for your continued support. Please understand that Our 7th Tradition is an ever-present need, and contributions can be sent to: PO Box 2514 Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 as well as to our SJIG Venmo account at: [aasj.org/venmo](https://www.venmo.com/aasj.org/venmo)

COMMITTEE REPORT

Ans. Service Chair: Steve M Co-Chair: Rose P

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March was a busy month for Answering Service. We had (31) shifts report in calls for the month for a total of (121) calls answered by our volunteers for the month of March. Answercomm took a total of (21) calls. Great news, Answering Service is 100% staff by volunteers. Thank you everyone who help fill (2) time slots last month. However, there are a couple volunteers looking to retire so once again we will be looking for volunteers. Welcome Heather O, who stepped up for service as Co-Chair. Please continue to remind everyone that more volunteers are needed for the 12-step list. Areas we need most help: Berlin, Camden, Hammonton, and Salem. We have signup sheets available for anyone wishing to take a copy to their home groups. If you know anyone who would like to be of service, please have them contact us at answeringservice@asaj.org or invite us to speak at your home group.

Archives Chair: Jennifer D Co-Chair: Rick M

archives@asaj.org

Hope everyone is safe and well! Archives continues to encourage completion of Old Timers and group history reports! Hopefully we will all be back together again soon! Great big shout out to group members setting up and hosting Zoom meetings for their home groups. Big thanks to the website and technology committee for staying on top of the updates so we are all able to stay informed and connected. Be safe and be well!

Bookers Chair: Traci K Co-Chair: Beverly M

bookers@asaj.org

We've reached out to all Booker Reps to encourage them to contact the rep for their incoming speakers and vice versa to coordinate speaking on Zoom meetings. We are not sure about the May Bookers meeting. We have to wait to see what restrictions we will have once we get to the end of April. We also have to wait to hear from St. Bart's about when they plan to re-open.

Budget & Finance Chair: Chris C Co-Chair: Chris H

budget@asaj.org

No report

H&I Chair: Debbie F Co-Chair: Martin

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H&I is in the process of arranging to bring meetings to the various hospitals and institutions via Zoom. We will have further information as it evolves.

Literature Chair: Carl S Co-Chair: Megan M

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Hope that everyone's staying Safe and practicing Social Distancing. Literature was shut down on 3/16 per the State's "Stay at Home" order. We will announce on the literature page of the website when "normal" operations resume. If you have an "urgent" need for literature, e-mail literature@asaj.org and we will try to fill your request.

Here's the numbers for March:

Opening Bank Balance:	\$ 9,792.46
Deposits from Sales:	\$ 3,173.97
Purchases Grapevine:	\$ 62.50
SJIG Support:	\$ 200.00
Ending Bank Balance:	\$ 12,706.93

Meeting list Chair: Kevin L Co-Chair: Tim A

meetinglist@asaj.org

As noted in the *Technology Committee Report*, there were numerous and fast paced changes as a result of the pandemic and shelter in place order by the governor. Richie and I made changes as the meetings were suspended, then as things continued to change, Richie took the lead in creating and assisting with the Zoom meetings. As the Zoom meetings then required additional updates, Richie again handled that, and for that I am eternally grateful. Not being computer savvy, I appreciate him taking the lead on this and the assistance that Brian contributed. I will continue to acquiesce to his expertise in these areas.

Newsletter Chair: Nancy L **Co-Chair: Skye S**

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No report – Newsletter sent out with Minutes.

Public Info Chair: Eileen T **Co-Chair: Kristin**

Everything is on hold at this point.

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Social Events Chair: Sherrill B **Co-Chair:**

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All Social Committee Events cancelled until further notice.

It appears that the AA Founders Day Committee has cancelled Founders Day Events for June. www.founderday.org

The Social Committee had previously scheduled a Founders Day Event to be a Speaker Meeting with coffee and cake. It is my recommendation that it be a ZOOM meeting.

I am looking for Steering Committee feedback as to if it should be cancelled. If not, do we list it under AASJ Events as a ZOOM meeting?

85th Anniversary of the Founding of AA

Speaker: Chris B.

Wednesday, June 10 at 7:00 PM

Spiritual Foundation of Unity – Tradition meeting

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

201 Warwick Road

Magnolia, NJ

Technology Chair: Richie M **Co-Chair: Josh V**

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Website and email server uptime 100%. Website front page updated near daily with most current COVID-19 AA and SJIG related cancellations and updates. As Zoom became the go-to temporary solution for groups and meetings to meet virtually, meeting list updates quickly became a nightmare to do manually. Tech Committee assisted Meeting List Committee with Zoom related updates. The website meeting list (and consequently the Meeting Guide app) was updated to allow AAs to update their meeting's listing with Zoom Meeting ID with a quick join link with the URL to the meeting. Steering Committee volunteers held 10 days of "Zoom Training Sessions" to demonstrate best practices and answer questions about Zoom. After "zoom-bombers" started crashing meetings, Zoom set passwords to all existing meetings, and dark web reports warned of Zoom Meeting ID generators, the website was modified to expect and list passwords for all meetings. Since passwords were implemented there have been no reports to Tech Committee of problems. Thanks to Brian C. for all the help updating meetings. We hope these changes / suggestions have put an end to the meeting disruptions. Each meeting's page within the online Meeting List contains links to recommendations supported by G.S.O. and New York Inter-Group, including settings to protect anonymity and online safety of AA's using Zoom. Links to Meeting Handouts (Preamble, How It Works, Promises, etc.) and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions "12 & 12" were added to each meeting's meeting page. A "Join Meeting" button was added to each meeting's page where Zoom is being used to help AA's easily launch a meeting. Andy E. setup a Venmo account for Intergroup and started research on PayPal options. A "7th Tradition Virtual Options" page has been authored, delayed by numerous meeting updates, will be up soon. After that, plan on physical visit to the SJIG office to install already purchased NAS and backup drive. We are so grateful to be of service to AA during this difficult time. "Modem-to-modem or face-to-face, A.A.'s speak the language of the heart in all its power and simplicity." –Forward to Fourth Edition, Alcoholics Anonymous, pg xxiv

of Meetings: 465

of Suspended Meetings: 290

of Phone Meetings: 5

of Zoom Meetings: 170

of Zoom Meetings w/ password: 145

of Zoom Meetings no password: 25

37% of meetings temporarily on Zoom

Unity Chair: Anna D Co-Chair: Laura K

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Hello everybody.

We would like to encourage everybody to continue to come together and help folks that might be struggling during this time. Please remember to reach out (via the phone, face time, ZOOM, etc.) to members of your home group. Now is the time to utilize all the tools you have learned and apply them!

We are looking forward to when we are all able to get together in person and share a cup of coffee again!

<u>SPECIAL REPORTS</u>

Trustees: Brett R, Cletus C, Frank Z, Patti S, Jen Ga

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No report

Area 45 Alternate Delegate: Ken T

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Area 45 Mini Conference scheduled virtually for 5/3. Link on aasj.org

Old Business:

- Cancel IG in person due to corona virus PASSED with no objections
- Motion: upgrade SJIG to have multiple hosts and allow more people in meetings for IG- PASSED with no objections (Richie will upgrade)
- Motion to hold steering meeting over zoom every two weeks to keep everything up to date- PASSED with no opposed
- Once " How to do Zoom" is done we could do "How to do Venmo"
- Will soon update and add Venmo information on website (working on)

New Business:

None

Closed at 8:34 with "I am Responsible"

Respectfully Submitted- Secretary: Brielle B Assist. Secretary: Nichole T

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