

SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP MEETING & IG REP MEETING UPDATES

Date: Intergroup- April 20, 2016

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

Trustee Reading: Bruce on Step 4

Anniversaries

Eric 1 year
Mike 1 year
Frank 3 years

Group Announcements

- New Beginnings Clubhouse FREE Star Wars movie screening Saturday, May 7th at 5 p.m.
- Trip to New York City for The Big Meeting, Sunday, June 19th 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Founders Day Picnic Celebrating 81 years, Sunday, June 12th 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Last Stop Camden Spring Fling BBQ, April 30th 3:00p.m.-7p.m.
- Masonville Group of Mt. Laurel 27th Anniversary Meeting May 23rd 6:00p.m. food, 7:00p.m. speakers.
- Camping in Bass River Friday May 6th – Sunday May 8th
- Happy Hour's 24th Anniversary April 30th at the 449 Club food at 4:00 p.m., speakers at 5:30 p.m.
- Dying to Live Young People's moonlight BBQ April 23rd at 11 p.m.
- Oaklyn How it works Group 29th Anniversary April 21st dinner at 7:00 p.m. speakers at 8:00 p.m.
- Millville Sober Saturday Group moved to the First Presbyterian Church on Maurice River.
- Prince of Peace Anniversary May 20th 11:30 a.m. food, 12:00 p.m. meeting
- Moorestown Barber Group 66th Anniversary May 13th food at 7:00 p.m., speakers at 8:00 p.m.
- 482 Goya meeting 5th Anniversary May 13th at 9:00 p.m.
- Grace Speaker meeting 1st Anniversary May 12th 7:00 p.m. spaghetti dinner, 8:30 p.m. speakers.

Intergroup Chair: Brett R

chairperson@asaj.org

Welcome to Spring? The Area Convention was a good time. The panel on "Apathy" on which I participated was a success. Our new office manager, Karen M., has begun training and will officially take over from Janet on April 16, 2016. Thanks to Karen for stepping up. Thanks to all who applied. Thanks to Janet for doing such a great job while filling in the last few months.

Intergroup Vice-Chair: Joe M

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I attended the area 45 convention and was amazed at the number of young people in attendance and active in service was really nice to see them. I also attended the area 45 delegates conference workshop this past Saturday and thought the day was a very positive experience and the number in attendance was amazing
I want to also welcome Karen as our new office manager and wish her well in her new position and also thank Janet for her stepping up until we could find a new office manager

Treasurer: Andy E

Asst. Treasurer: Brian C

treasurer@asaj.org

Thanks to all our Groups for your continued support.
This month's report also has the Year to Date Contributions so that you can check to see that your Group is being credited with your 7th Tradition Contributions. Thank you all for putting Group information on your donations!

Tradition # 4: Patty

next month **Tradition # 4:** Johnny

Concept # 4: Ray

next month **Concept # 3:** Alan

Greeters for April: Tim & Sam

Greeters for May: Brian & Paul

Set-up/Cleaners for April: Joe, Mike,
Gary & Patty

Set-up/Cleaners for May: Ian, Tim,
Patty & Dylan

COMMITTEE REPORT

Ans. Service Chair: Tim A

Co-Chair: Tracy C

answeringservice@asaj.org

14 shifts reported their call totals for March, 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 50 calls. This number is down from the calls taken by Answercomm in February.

Currently we have a **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@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** archives@aaaj.org

The Archive Committee is planning on putting together binders, which would contain the following information: the name of the group, the original members, the date the group had its first meeting, a short summary of the history of the group, and any other miscellaneous information the group feels is important (i.e. Any other groups that have stemmed from the group).

Each group can submit the above information to us by way of email at archives@aaaj.org, or providing us with this information in person at a meeting, or at the monthly intergroup meeting.

Thank you Frank C. in bringing this idea to our attention! It's greatly appreciated.

FYI - Grace Speakers Group is having its 1st anniversary on Thursday May 12th from 7PM to 9:30PM. There will be a spaghetti dinner prior to the two speakers at 8:30. Craig C from Las Vegas and Paul McQ from Rockaway, NY will be speaking. All are welcomed.

Bookers Chair: Jennifer D **Co-Chair: Rick M** booker@aaaj.org

Bookers has no report for this month. Please note the next bookers meeting is Thursday May 5th at 8pm at New Beginnings Club House.

Budget & Finance Chair: Laura R **Co-Chair: Lauren C** budget@aaaj.org

We have reviewed the treasures report current expenses to date and do not have concerns at this time. All looks good through Q1 2016. The Budget & Finance committee will conduct a mid-year review in June/July2016 to determine where we stand on expenses and start preparing for 2017 budget. All committees are asked to review their needs and get back to us by May 2016. We will be happy to work with committees if they need help.

The Website chair noted that additional budgeted funds for the website in 2017 may be requested for purposes of updating <http://www.aaaj.org/> security requirements and website redesign. The goal is for long term website upgrades to minimize the risk for future website outages. It is requested the Website Chair provide B&F committee with estimated costs for upgrades and present at Steering to the committees should it exceed current 2016 budget.

H&I Chair: Patti S **Co-Chair: Frank C** handi@aaaj.org

We held our meeting on March 28 at 7:00 pm. We had 14 groups in attendance. We have 175 commitments and 29 open. It was a great showing and we appreciate all the groups that come to the meeting! Our goal for 2016 would be to get more Home groups to attend. We ask that all groups that take commitments, please be sure that they are filled. If your group cannot fill the commitment for any reason, please get in touch with us as soon as possible so that we can find someone to fill. Also, please take note of the literature at each commitment, and let us know if any of the racks need to be refilled.

Ancora Monday night is still looking for a host. Please contact us if you are interested.

To date we only have 7 commitments left open. These are:

Thursday

Daybreak - MICA - May 12, 19, 26 10:30am-12pm - Atco NJ

Friday

Vineland Victory Academy - May 6, 13, 20, 27 7-8pm

The May H&I Meeting will be held on May 23rd, due to the holiday.

Literature Chair: Jimmy G

Co-Chair: Melanie M

literature@aaaj.org

Bank balance on March 1 \$9,273.53

Credits 3,115.45

Debits (2,636.89)

Bank balance on March 31= \$9,752.09

Meeting list Chair: Traci K

Co-Chair: Laura K

meetinglist@aaaj.org

We only received about five change requests in the past month.

We will be sending a list of those updates to Andy in the next week or so for a May 1 update.

We folded over 1000 meeting lists. Next folding event will be first Weds in May (May 4th) 6pm at the Intergroup Office- need about 6 people.

Newsletter Chair: April E

Co-Chair: Shawn McK

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The May Newsletter is off to a great start. We have a very nice piece from Jim S. about "Michael the Baker" and interesting news about the Bike Share. Bruce B. submitted a compilation of information about the "responsibility declaration." And Mike E., our "Young and Sober" friend has submitted great thoughts on his experience with step 5. We would still love to hear any reactions to the convention, so if anyone has anything to share, please pass it along!

Public Info Chair: Jim S

Co-Chair: Eileen T

publicinfo@aaaj.org

Public Information has been asked by representatives from the Center for Counseling and Wellness Services at Rowan College at Gloucester County to participate in their Annual Health and Wellness fair in April. This year's theme is "Passport to Wholeness."; The purpose of this health and wellness fair is to promote healthy lifestyles in the eight areas of wellness: Emotional, Social, Physical, Intellectual, Environmental, Occupational, Finance and Spiritual. The fair is being sponsored by the Counseling and Wellness Services on Wednesday, April 20th at 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the College Center. The health and wellness fair is open to the college community (students, faculty and staff). The objectives of the fair are:

- To increase health and wellness awareness by providing educational information and related activities.
- To increase awareness of local, state, and national health services and resources.
- To motivate participants to make positive health behavior changes.
- To teach self-care practices.

Eileen T and Jim S will be providing information and handing out AA pamphlets.

Social Events Chair: Sal C

Co-Chair: Dylan B

socialevents@aaaj.org

We are happy to announce we've decided on our location and date for the Founders Day Picnic. The 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.

May 6th will be the date of our spring camping trip to bass river park. 10 dollars is the cost for the weekend (5/6 to the morning of 5/8). More info is available on the website flyer.

A trip to NYC will be posted shortly with details on meet-up and transit information. The Big Meeting at the New York Hilton Hotel / 1335 Avenue of the Americas / NY, NY on Sunday June 19th 1-3 PM. Hosted by New York Intergroup. The Big Meeting is a Three Speaker Open Meeting and will be interpreted for the Deaf. There will be simultaneous English to Spanish translation. (Seventh Tradition collection will be taken). It is a celebration of of AA's 81st anniversary. Currently in the process of booking a bus to transport everyone together!

Unity Chair: Cletus C

Co-Chair:

unity@aaaj.org

Needs a new co-chair since Karen is now the office manager.

Website Chair: Ray

Co-Chair: Courtney

webmaster@aaaj.org

The website has had no issues this month. I would like to make two announcements:

I want to first thank Courtney for her enthusiasm of joining our committee as the Website Co-Chair. She is learning extremely quickly as well as showing a very positive interested in website management.

The second announcement is the start of our meetings for the website redesign. I would like to have the meetings at the inter-group office starting May 15, 2016 at 1pm. If you can't make it and are interested, please email me.

<u>SPECIAL REPORTS</u>

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

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All trustees met at their Trustee meeting for this year to discuss all the committees and make sure everything was all good--- and it is!

Area 45 Alternate Delegate:

alternatedelagate@snjaa.org

No Report

Office Manager: Karen M

sjintergroup@verizon.net or info@aaSj.org

I would like to thank the Intergroup officers for allowing me this wonderful opportunity and the committee chairs for their support and enthusiasm. I've enjoyed the work so far and look forward to seeing what we will accomplish together.

The new office manager hours are Tuesday 3 – 6 pm, Wednesday 12-3 pm and Thursday 12-3 pm. There will not be office manager hours on May 3rd – May 5th due to a previously scheduled vacation (sorry!).

Janet has done a great job of setting up procedures and getting me started on them. I appreciate her help and friendship and hope she stays close to Intergroup going forward.

Old Business:

Office Manager position filled.

Copier- looking into getting prices for a new copier. Andy is looking into it to see if it makes more sense financially to buy or lease one. More discussion to come for this.

New Business:

Motion for literature to pay Intergroup (general operating expenses) \$0.12 for each meeting list sold to cover cost of paper, staples, etc.- Motion Passed.

Adjournment: 8:34 PM with the *"I Am Responsible" Pledge*

Respectfully Submitted-

Secretary: Chelsea C

Assist. Secretary: Nichole B

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