

SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP MEETING & IG REP MEETING UPDATES

Date: Intergroup- November 16, 2016

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

Trustee Reading: Beverly on Step 11

Anniversaries

Stanley 24 years
Carl 7 years
Greg 10 years

Group Announcements

- Area 45 53rd Annual General Service Convention, March 24th, 25th and 26th
- Holiday Spirit Dance, Saturday, December 17th, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. @ Nicolosi Catering
- Grace Into Action BB in Moorestown will not be having a meeting Thanksgiving night
- Thanksgiving Alcathon 8th & Wood, Vineland, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Thanksgiving Alcathon 449 Club, 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Thanksgiving Alcathon Woodbury Kiss Club, Wednesday 6:00 p.m. to Thursday 6:00 p.m.
- Magnolia 45th Anniversary November 26th, 8:30 p.m. (two speakers and dessert)

Intergroup Chair: Brett R

chairperson@aasj.org

For those of you in the southern part of the state looking for something to do on Thanksgiving, there will be an Alcathon at 8th and Wood in Vineland from 8am to 8pm. It has been brought to my attention that events are not making it on our events calendar, e.g., the Holiday Spirit Dinner is not on the events calendar. At Steering I would like to have a conversation about how we can better ensure that events make it to the calendar.

Intergroup Vice-Chair: Joe M

vchairperson@aasj.org

No Report

Treasurer: Andy E Asst. Treasurer: Brian C

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Ahh, Autumn...

Enjoy the change in the seasons. Beautiful colors, crisp, clean morning air, the things we never noticed or appreciated while we were still "out there"...

All's well in the treasury department, thanks to our Group's enduring support.

We'll reconcile all bank accounts before Steering.

Thanks for allowing us to help your Group Carry The Message.

Tradition # 11: Rich

next month **Tradition # 12:** Carl

Concept # 11: Brian

next month **Concept # 12:** Eddie J

Greeters for November: Johnny, Lisa Z

Greeters for December: Tim, Brian

Set-up/Cleaners for November: James, Jen
Dylan & Patti

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COMMITTEE REPORT

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

answeringservice@aasj.org

14 shifts reported their call totals for October, that totaled 65 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 59 calls. This number is up from the 57 calls taken by Answercomm in Sept. 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.

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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Since last month's Intergroup meeting myself and Ian have collected at least 10 more group history forms. Myself and Ian will work on in the next couple of months getting these histories into digital format and submitting them to our website.

In the meantime, keep 'em coming. Every piece of history is such a wonderful read and very much appreciated to both Archives and SJIG as a whole.

Bookers Chair: Jennifer D

Co-Chair: Rick M

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The Booker's exchange was a great success! There were a total of 32 groups in attendance with 207 commitments booked. Our next exchange will be held Thursday Feb 3rd 2017 at 8:00 pm. Location is the New Beginnings Clubhouse 101 C Rose Avenue, Runnemeade NJ. Hope to see you there!!!

Budget & Finance Chair: Laura R.

Co-Chair: Lauren C.

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The proposed 2017 budget is currently with the groups for review (distributed during September's Intergroup meeting to Intergroup reps in attendance & sent electronically with the monthly minutes since September). To date we have not received any feedback directly from groups.

Please let us know if you have any questions as November is the final month for review before the vote at the December Intergroup meeting.

H&I Chair: Patti S

Co-Chair: Frank C

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Good evening everyone,

We held our last H&I meeting on November 7 at 7pm. We had 17 groups in attendance! That's the most we have had in a long time!

We had a total of 180 commitments for December. We have 22 left open.

Monday

December 19 - Ancora Hammonton 7-8 pm

Tuesday

December 6 Hope Hall Camden NJ 7:30-8:30

Wednesday

December 21 and 28 Unity I - Cherry Hill 12:30-1:30

December 7 Delaware House Westampton 1-2 pm

Thursday

December 1,8,15 Ancora Hammonton NJ 7-8pm

December 15, 29 Lourdes Medical - Willingboro 8-9pm

December 1,15,29 Unity Place II - Hammonton 2-3 pm

December 8,15,22,29 Daybreak MICA - Atco - 10:30a-12pm

Friday

December 2,9,16, 30 Vineland Academy - Vineland 7-8 pm

Saturday

December 17 Maryville women's Big Book - 7-8 pm

December 24 Cooper Camden 10:30-11:30

We had two time changes - Ambrosia and Cooper Saturday. We noted the holidays and asked the representatives have their group call before showing up on the holiday. We will hold our next meeting on November 28.

Here are the November open commitments :

Monday November 7 Ancora

Wednesday November 30 Unity I
Wednesday November 30 Delaware House
Wednesday November 16 and 3 - Solstice
Thursday November 3 Unity II
Thursday November 10, 17 Daybreak
Friday November 4,11,18,25 Vineland Academy

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

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Bank balance on October 1	9,978.33
6 credits	3,393.65
7 debits	<u>(4,398.21)</u>
Balance on October 31	8,973.77

We can always use more volunteers.

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

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Nothing significant to report. We had about six changes last month. All is going fine.

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

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The December newsletter is underway. We have a nice article from our old friend, Marty, and we are open to other submissions! Please submit anything you may have (or encourage others!) by this Friday.

All newsletters are current and posted on the website.

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

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Public Information continues to support IDRC in Westmont and Mt. Holly. Eileen T continues to spearhead programs with local High Schools, Doctor's offices, as well local police stations. To date, members have spoken at 2 high area schools (Palmyra and Bordentown) with 2 additional scheduled high schools (Rancocas Valley and Bordentown). The commitments at area high schools, as part of the health classes have been successful, with positive feedback received. In fact, a few students have asked AA for help. Eileen T will also be attending the quarterly SAC meetings to meet with guidance counselors for South Jersey. Pamphlets have been distributed at local Drs. offices and hospitals. Eileen T has expressed an interest in getting additional help. Volunteers are needed. Please consider doing some service by contacting Eileen through the PI email address or calling her cell.

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

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The social events committee is grateful to all who have helped sell tickets for the Holiday Spirit Dinner Dance. We have about a month left. So let's sell sell sell! If you or your sponsee say are looking for a service job don't hesitate to contact us.

The Holiday Spirit Dance will be **on Saturday, December 17th- 6:30 TO 10:30** at *Nicolosi Catering* (1 Hessian Ave. Woodbury, NJ 08096) . Save the date! Please join us for dinner, dancing, and fellowship. Tickets in advance \$25.00 per person. The event was previously known as the Gratitude Dinner Dance. Due to the change of date, the event was renamed. We had a great time last year with more than 100 attendees.

Guests from outside the fellowship are more than welcome. Tickets are selling like hot cakes. Get them while they are still in circulation. Image of venue is courtesy of Al Nicolosi .

For tickets or information on the next social events meeting, please contact the committee:

Unity Chair: Cletus C Co-Chair:

unity@asj.org

Thank you to Lou (our Archives Chairperson) for covering my Commitment at last months Intergroup meeting. He signed up 5 new Reps!

I have had two people volunteer for the Unity Committee! Please help me welcome to Joe (last initial forthcoming) and Jennifer T. They are also new to Intergroup.

And just to keep things interesting, I won't be at this months IG meeting either! Business is forcing me to go to Las Vegas! I trust someone will agree to cover this month, also.

Website Chair: Ray **Co-Chair: Courtney**

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Website will be updating to new server to prevent it from crashing in the future.

SPECIAL REPORTS

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

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No Report

Area 45 Alternate Delegate:

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No Report

Office Manager: Karen M.

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The **Kansas City trip** was amazing and informative. In addition to AAWS and Grapevine representatives, there were over 111 people there from all over the US and Canada. I saw that there is no one right way to do things and even witnessed various interpretations of the traditions.

Among the best ideas I heard were:

1. Print meeting lists to PDF directly from Microsoft Access.
2. Hold an open house at the Intergroup Office.
3. Visit daytime meetings to find daytime volunteer service workers.

I'd like to thank Eddie J (trustee) for joining me on the trip at his own expense. It was helpful to bounce ideas around and the workshop he got us roped into chairing allowed me to give back and meet more people.

I'd also like to thank our Steering Committee for all the hard work they do every day. Many offices that serve fewer groups than we do have one or more full time employees and struggle to get and keep volunteer service workers.

Stay tuned - more to come...

December Trivia: How can someone find out about open service positions outside of the homegroup?

November Trivia: How can Intergroup help your group promote an AA event?

There are a few ways Intergroup can help you promote your events:

1. You can post your group event on the website at <http://www.aasi.org/pages/events.html>
2. You can bring flyers to the Intergroup meeting or e-mail them to sjintergroup@verizon.net to be printed
3. You can e-mail your event to newsletter@aasi.org for publication
4. And don't forget to come to the monthly Intergroup meeting and announce your event.

HINT: submitting events 2 months ahead will give our committees and reps plenty of time to get the news out

NOTE: we are unable to use Intergroup resources to promote non AA events.

Old Business:

No Report

New Business:

Discussion to remove the list of club houses from the back of the meeting list due to guidelines in Tradition 6 about not lending the AA name to outside enterprises. **There was a motion for this, but it did not pass at this time.** Club houses will remain listed on the back of the meeting list. Steering committee was urged to read up on Tradition 6 and the guidelines pertaining to this for future discussion.

Adjournment: 8:47 PM with the **"I Am Responsible" Pledge**

Respectfully Submitted-

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

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