

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

*Date: Intergroup- March 15, 2017*

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

**Group Announcements**

- YMOM 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 4/20/2017 7 p.m. food, 8 p.m. speaker ALL WELCOME
- Belmawr Friday 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 4/21/2017 7:45 p.m. food speaker to follow
- Saturday Early Risers 4/15/2017 7 a.m. food speaker to follow
- Happy Hour 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary 4/22/2017 4 p.m. food 5:30 p.m. speaker (Pemberton)
- Vineland group 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 6:30 p.m. food speaker to follow

**Trustee Reading:** Step 3

**Tradition #3:** Patti

**Concept #3:** Fred

**Greeters for March:** Jake, Carolyn

**Set-up/Cleaners for March:** Dylan, Matt  
Patti, Frank

**next month Tradition #4:** Tracey

**next month Concept #4:** Lou

**Greeters for April:** Tim, Robin

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

**Chair:** Brett R

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Spring is around the corner! On February 19, 2017, I attended the Area Assembly and reported on the activities of South Jersey Intergroup. The Area Convention is coming up on March 24-26, 2017, and the theme is "It works, it really does." On Saturday, March 25, 2017, at 11am in the Grand Ballroom at the Convention, Ken (Chair of Cape Atlantic Intergroup), Pat (Chair of Central Jersey Intergroup), Lou (our very own Archives Chair), and I will be presenting a workshop called "12 Steps Away from a Drink." Please show your support. We will be covering the 12 Steps in 50 minutes! Also coming up, on May 7th the Social Events Committee has scheduled a trip to the Philadelphia Art Museum, leaving from the Intergroup Office at 11am.

**Vice-Chair:** Joe M

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No Report

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

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Our balance sheet this month looks bleak, but it's due to one-time expenses. We have paid our Copier overage for last year, and our Insurance is paid until next February. Working on the 2016 Federal filings, which should be on-time this year! Thanks to our Groups for your generous support, and as always, put some form of identifying marks on your checks or money orders so we know which Group to credit. Thanks for allowing us to serve your Groups.

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

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12 shifts reported their call totals for January, that totaled 60 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 40 calls. This number is down from the 43 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 2pm-4pm, 6pm to 8pm, 8 to 10 pm 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](mailto: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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Myself and Ian have put together a master list of groups that have group histories submitted with Intergroup. There are a total of 37 meetings out of approximately 400 groups in South Jersey...not a good turnout. We will have a list of these groups printed out and ready for all intergroup reps to take back to their groups. If your group is not on the list, it means we don't have a history.

On another note, we recently got an anonymous submission of near-mint Grapevines from 1963. We are very grateful to have been gifted these.

**Bookers Chair: Jennifer D Co-Chair: Rick M**

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There is no report for Bookers this month. The next Booker's exchange will be held Thursday May 4th at 8pm. The location is the New Beginnings Clubhouse 101 C Rose Avenue in Runnemede NJ. Hope to see you all there!

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

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

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we had another great turn out! We had a total of 23 groups, including individuals, in attendance at our last meeting. Thanks to everyone for their support. We had a total of 184 commitments and only 23 left open. WE now have only 20 commitments open. We even had a couple boxes of donuts to entice the folks!

Frank sent out the open commitments to our extensive email distribution list and has been able to attach the commitment packet so that they can see the location and time of the commitments.

Again, a reminder that if you are unable to fill a commitment, please let us know right away so we can get it filled.

Also, if you notice there is a facility lacking in meeting lists or literature, please let us know.

\*\*\* Most importantly, if you find that the commitment is double booked, please show the true spirit of AA and work this out with the other group. No one has to leave, just share the time slot.

Our next meeting will be held March 27, 7pm at the Intergroup Office.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Please call ahead to the Vineland Victory Academy if you have this commitment. If there is an issue when you arrive, please call James Flores @ 609-775-3993.**

- **Starting in April, the Delaware House commitment will be moved from Wednesday to Tuesday from 2:00-3:00p.m.**

- **Effective immediately - Sunrise Detox Saturday night commitment is cancelled.**

- **Effective as of March 30, the Legacy Treatment center is closing. If your group has a commitment for April, please let your group know that it is cancelled.**

Here are the open commitments for March and April

**Wednesday**

Unity Place I - Cherry Hill NJ 12:40-1:30pm March 15, 22, 29

1 Keystone Ave, Cherry Hill NJ

Delaware House - Westampton NJ 1-2pm March 22, 29

21 Ikea Drive, Westampton NJ

**Thursday**

Daybreak - Atco NJ 10:30-12pm March 16, 23, 30

368 White Horse Pike, Atco NJ

**Saturday**

Virtua Memorial Hospital – Psych Unit – Mount Holly 8:30-9:30pm March 4, 11

175 Madison Ave, Mount Holly NJ

**April Openings**

**Sunday**

Inspira (Underwood) Hospital Psych Unit - Woodbury NJ 4-5pm April 16 (Easter)

509 No. Broad St, Woodbury NJ

**Monday**

Ancora State Hospital - Hammonton NJ 7-8pm April 3, 24

202 Spring Garden Rd, Hammonton NJ

**Wednesday**

Unity Place I - Cherry Hill NJ 12:40-1:30pm April 19, 26  
1 Keystone Ave, Cherry Hill NJ

**Thursday**

Ancora State Hospital - Hammonton NJ 7-8pm April 13, 20, 27  
202 Spring Garden Rd, Hammonton NJ

Unity Place II - Hammonton NJ 2-3pm April 6, 20  
121 S White Horse Pike, Hammonton NJ

Daybreak - Atco - NJ 10:30-12 April 13, 20,27  
368 Which Horse Pike, Atco NJ

**Friday**

Vineland Academy (Men Only) - Vineland NJ 7-8pm April 14, 28  
2000 Maple Avenue, Vineland NJ

**Saturday**

Cooper University Hospital Psych Unit - Camden NJ 10:30-11:30am April 15, 22  
1 Cooper Plaza, Camden NJ

Virtua Memorial Hospital Psych Unit - Mt. Holly NJ 8:30-9:30pm April 1, 22, 29  
175 Madison Ave, Mt. Holly NJ

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

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Bank balance, February 1.....\$9,805.43  
four credits.....4,951.30  
seven debits.....7,395.32  
balance, February 28.....7,361.41.

The debits include a four thousand dollar transfer to Intergroup's general fund, as approved by the Steering Committee earlier this year.

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

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We have about 3-4 changes that were submitted back in January - early February that are still not on the website.

A new version of the meeting list was published a couple weeks ago. It is not available on our website yet.

I am still hoping to get a separate committee to assemble meeting lists. Anna is taking over the production of meeting lists, thanks Anna!

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

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We are gathering content now for the April edition of the newsletter. Our submission deadline is March 10 so we will have room to advertise the convention one last time and any articles or recaps folks want to provide about the convention can go into our May edition. So far we have a poem from Joe T and some reflections from Louella. We will also include the help wanted section and trivia questions and answers. We certainly have room for more though if anyone would like to share anything!

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

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Public Information continues to support IDRC in Westmont and Mt. Holly. After many yrs of carrying the message to IDRC in Westmont, Brian C is stepping down. We would like to thank Brian for all of his yrs of service and appreciate the time he has given. **Thank you so much Brian!!!** Brian's place on the schedule will be taken by Amy B and Derrik L from the Masonville group. Thank you both for stepping up!!!

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 to man a 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 also attending the quarterly SAC meeting of area high schools in which Substance Abuse Counselors from South Jersey are in attendance. This past month we have brought Public Info to Rancocas Valley High school, Delran, Audubon and Buena High School. The Guidance counselors have been extremely grateful and feedback is very positive .Thank you to Richard M, Mike and the other young members of AA for bringing this critical program to the local high schools. Eileen is still looking for volunteers for other programs She can be contacted at [publicinfo@asaj.org](mailto:publicinfo@asaj.org). Please consider volunteering for this important service opportunity.

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

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Hello all, the trip to the Philly art museum will be changed to Sunday May 7. The April date was conflicting with an event in the city that produces consistent traffic and overcrowding in that section of the city. Hope to see you there! Stay tuned for more events

**Unity Chair: Cletus C Co-Chair:**

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We signed up 4 new I G Reps in February, all of whom were replacing their previous Reps.

I gave out 1 non-participating Group for a Volunteer to visit.

We have purchased and received a case of AA Service Manuals, so I will offer them free to the IG Reps who want one.

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

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No Report

<b><u>SPECIAL REPORTS</u></b>
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**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 assembly. There were (2) motions

- 1) Motion asking the conference to permanently maintain the tradition of hiring an alcoholic member of AA as the General Service Manager and the Chairmain of the Board to be a Class "A" Trustee. (Motion defeated)
- 2) Assembly to consider starting a Pilot Program for a period of 6 month for the use of a Twitter Account to enhance communication between the Area and the fellowship (Passed)

Last weekend I attend NERRASSA in Framingham Mass. There were many Area 45 GSR's, DCMs and visitors. Hope to see you next year.

Area Events

Grape Jam held on Jan 21, was a success and about 16 recordings sent to the grapevine.

Area 45 convention in Cherry Hill will be held March 24-26 at the Crown Plaza. There will be a Grapevine recording area at the convention.

Area Mini conference will be held Elmer Grange Hall on Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup>, registration 8:30am

The next Area 45 assembly will be on May 21 in Section III.

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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Thank you to all our service workers who folded 2600 meeting lists in February with special thanks to our emergency response team who came in on a Sunday to fold meeting lists. We will be folding meeting lists at the office on Wednesday, March 29 at 2 pm. Please contact the office if you are interested in joining us.

If you changed the sign in sheet please remember to check in at the Unity table to update your group information.

Please remember to put your group's suggestions in our suggestion box. We need your ideas and feedback.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Area Convention Scholarships

**Adjournment at 8:30 p.m.:** with the *"I Am Responsible" Pledge*

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

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