

SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP & IG REP MEETING UPDATES

Date: Intergroup- Weds 9/19/18

Opening: Opened at 8pm with "Serenity Prayer"

Trustee Reading: Bruce

Anniversaries

Audubon Last Mile Step and Tradition at the United Methodist Church. 26th Anniversary. October 29th.

Desserts at 7pm. Speakers at 7:30pm.

Maple Shade. 56th Anniversary. November 13th. Meeting at 7pm.

Hightstown Men's Step Up Group. 8th Anniversary. October 12th. Speaker at 6:30pm. Cake to follow.

Group Announcements

There is a Deaf and Hard of Hearing Recovery Group on Thursday's at 6:30pm at Grace Methodist Church in Wilmington, DE.

MOVING- How It Works in Oaklyn will be moving starting October 4th (8-9pm). New location: Calvin Hall- Logan Presbyterian Church in Audubon.

NEW TIME- Monday night Maple Shade will be starting at 7pm as of October 2nd.

NEW MEETING- 482 Hall in Pennsauken. "There is A Solution" Sunday's at 10am.

Tradition #9: Joe

Concept #9: Carl

Greeters for September: Debbie, Tim, Nancy

**Set-up/Cleaners for September: Michael, Alexa
Frank, Michael**

next month Tradition #10: Denise

next month Concept # 10: Frank

Greeters for October: Joe, Rick

**Set-up/Cleaners for October: Tonette, Judy
Jen, Michael**

Chair: Patti S

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We are working our way into the fall, cooler temperatures and so much going on in our Area. Great time to get out and reconnect.

The Area has quite a few events coming up- Area Inventory September 15, Day of Sharing October 20, and the convention on October 26,27,28. Please try to attend these events as this is how our voices are heard! Please sign up for the Convention, it will a great event! Lots of fun fellowship and messages of hope!

On another note, it seems that some of our H&I commitments are being taken but no one is showing up, please take this message back to your groups. If for any reason, you cannot make the commitment, please let someone in your Home Group know so that another person can fill this. We show up as AA and we are the example of this really works, and how we are responsible. Please show these folks at the Hospitals and Institutions that we are there for them!

Vice-Chair: Brian C

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Been busy this last month going to lots of events. Started with the canoeing trip which was well attended. Also went to the Area 45 Summer Assembly and the District 14 picnic.

Social Events has been busy planning a tubing trip down the Delaware scheduled for Sept 16, and planning the Gratitude Dinner Dance. Looking forward to both.

Treasurer: Michael R Asst. Treasurer: Jen T

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I muddle along, trying to remember things that I just learned and then just forgot. Everyone has been very kind, so pat yourselves on the back.

I hope to finish the 2017 federal government report this month.

As a reminder- Please remember to write the name of your Group on any contribution checks.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Ans. Service Chair: Tracey C Co-Chair: Nancy L

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27 shifts reported their call totals for July. Volunteers reported taking a total of 131 calls for the month. Answercomm took a total of 50 calls. We have one open shift on Thurs O/N (overnight).

Please have anyone interested in volunteering contact us at answeringservice@asj.org we are always looking to add volunteers to our waiting list.

The updated 12-step list will be available by the end of October. We continue to be in need of new volunteers to add to this list so if you or anyone else you know would like to volunteer please have them contact us @ answeringservice@aasj.org. Please note: New volunteers can be added even after October.

Archives Chair: Jennifer D Co-Chair: Rick M

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Rick and I attended the Area 45 assembly which was informative. We are Rick making a dent on re organizing and cataloging the meeting lists we have at the Intergroup office. We have meeting lists dating back to 1977!! Come into the office and have a look, there have been many changes to the format, the overall look, and information published from year to year.

We are also continuing to request and receive Old timers questionnaires. If you or someone you know has 30 years or more of continuous sobriety, we want to hear from you!!!

Did you know?

September 3, 1930 – Bill wrote his 4th (last) promise to stop drinking in the family Bible: “Finally and for a lifetime, thank God for your love.” After that, he gave up making promises in despair. He continued to struggle until Dec. 1934 when he had "Hot Flash" spiritual experience at Towns Hospital. NEVER DRANK AGAIN.

September 17, 1954 - On a Friday night, September 17, 1954, Bill Dotson died in Akron, Ohio. "That is, people say he died, but he really didn't," wrote Bill Wilson. "His spirit and works are today alive in the hearts of uncounted AA's, and who can doubt that Bill already dwells in one of those many mansions in the great beyond." Bill Dotson, the "Man on the Bed," was AA number 3. At his death, he had not had a drink in more than nineteen years. His date of sobriety was the date he entered Akron's City Hospital for his last detox, June 26, 1935. Two days later occurred that fateful day when two sober alcoholics visited him: Dr. Bob Smith of Akron, Ohio, and Bill Wilson, a guest of Dr. Bob's from New York.

Bookers Chair: Beverly M Co-Chair: Traci K

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The last Bookers meeting was held on Thursday, August 2, 2018 at the New Beginnings Club in Runnemede, NJ. The meeting was attended by 47 groups and 252 speaking commitments were filled. Thank you to everyone who attended.

The next Bookers Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 8 PM at New Beginnings, Runnemede, NJ. Bookers commitments are only filled at the Bookers meeting. If you cannot attend, and want to book speakers, please send someone in your place.

Budget & Finance Chair: Phil K Co-Chair: Andy P

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Budget and Finance (with assistance from committee chairs, your treasurer, and your office manager) has prepared a balanced 2019 Intergroup budget, for all Intergroup Representatives to take back to your groups for review, discussion, etc. We would be happy to field and respond to any and all questions you may have.

H&I Chair: Frank C Co-Chair: Debbie F

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Thank you to all of those who attended our monthly H&I meeting. We had 17 groups and individuals in attendance, 193 commitments to fill and 37 left after the meeting. Thank you to everyone who came!

Unfortunately attendance at our monthly H&I meeting remains low and we continue to have a significant amount of commitments left open after our meeting. This is a friendly reminder to former and current group reps, individual commitment takers and everyone else on our mailing list, the H&I meeting is held on the last Monday of every month, at 7PM, at the Intergroup office, please join us!

Second, we have received significantly more complaints in the past two months from facilities regarding “no shows” than we’ve received in the last 3 years. Maryville, Sunrise Detox, Solstice, Seabrook, and just about every psych ward we service have complained that scheduled speakers are not showing up, for commitments which have been taken by groups. Obviously emergencies happen from time to time, but it seems there has just been an increase of either groups or individuals just taking commitments and not showing up. We implore anyone who signs up for a speaking commitment to fulfill that commitment as failure to do so reflects poorly on AA as a whole and deprives those patients an opportunity to hear the message of recovery.

We're asking all groups to check the packet to see if they have ongoing commitments that they may or not be aware of. If your group has an ongoing commitment it can no longer fill, let us know and we'll give it to another group. If your group has too many commitments to fill, let us know and take less the next month.

Finally, as a reminder, **all commitments at Ambrosia are now at 7PM**, for both the old and new facility. In addition, Solstice Counseling has moved from Lumberton to 300 Birmingham Road, Pemberton, NJ.

Here's a list of what's open for September and October:

SEPTEMBER

Monday

Ancora Psych Hosp – Hammonton NJ Sep 24 7-8pm 202 Spring Garden Rd Hammonton NJ

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Ancora Psych Hosp – Hammonton NJ Sep 27 7-8pm 202 Spring Garden Rd Hammonton NJ

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

Daybreak - Atco NJ – Sep 20, 27 10:30-12:00 noon 368 White Horse Pike, Atco, NJ

Saturday

Inspira Psych Unit – Woodbury NJ Sep 29 4-5pm 509 N Broad St, Woodbury NJ

OCTOBER

Monday

Ancora Psych Hosp – Hammonton NJ Oct 15, 22, 29 7-8pm 202 Spring Garden Rd Hammonton NJ

Tuesday

Virtua Psych Unit Mt. Holly NJ Oct 16 8:30-9:30pm 175 Madison Ave, 6th Floor, Mt Holly NJ

Maryville Womens Williamstown NJ Oct 30 8-9pm 1903 Grant Ave Williamstown NJ

Solstice Counseling Services – Pemberton NJ Oct 23 7-8pm 300 Birmingham Road, Pemberton, NJ

Delaware House – Westampton NJ Oct 2 2-3pm 21 Ikea Drive, Westampton NJ

Wednesday

Jefferson Psych Unit – Cherry Hill NJ Oct 31 7:45-8:45pm 2201 Chapel Ave W, West Pavilion, Cherry Hill NJ

Jefferson MICA Unit – Cherry Hill NJ Oct 3, 17, 31 12-1pm 2201 Chapel Ave W, "new building", Cherry Hill NJ

Unity Place I - Cherry Hill NJ Oct 3, 31 12:40-1:30pm 1 Keystone Ave, Cherry Hill, NJ

Solstice Counseling Services – Pemberton NJ Oct 3, 10, 17, 31 12-1pm 300 Birmingham Road, Pemberton, NJ

Northbrook Behavioral Health – Blackwood NJ Oct 24, 31 8-9pm 425 Woodbury-Turnersville Rd Blackwood NJ

Thursday

Ancora Psych Hosp – Hammonton NJ Oct 18, 25 7-8pm 202 Spring Garden Rd Hammonton NJ

Unity Place II - Hammonton NJ Oct 4, 18 2-3 pm 121 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton, NJ

Daybreak - Atco NJ – Oct 18, 25 10:30-12:00 noon 368 White Horse Pike, Atco, NJ

Friday

Seabrook Women – Bridgeton NJ Oct 19 7:30-8:30pm 133 Polk Lane, Bridgeton NJ 08302

Ambrosia – Medford NJ Oct 19 7-8pm 287 Old Marlton Pike, Medford NJ

Saturday

Maryville Women's Williamstown NJ Oct 6 7-8pm 1903 Grant Ave Williamstown NJ

Cooper Psych Unit – Camden NJ Oct 6 10:30-11:30am 1 Cooper Plaza Camden NJ

Literature Chair: Andy E Co-Chair: Carl S

As summer fades, think about settling in with a good (A.A.) book to read.

We have all the Grapevine & World Service titles in stock for your reading pleasure.

Thanks to Haddonfield 12 & 12 and Hainesport Serenity Groups for having the Road Show at your anniversaries. Many folks have no idea of the variety and depth of AA's Literature.

literature@aasj.org

We're going to change the numbers presented here from now on, to avoid confusion.

Beginning Balance: \$10,053.08
Purchases/Expenses \$4,153.72
Deposits & Credits: \$3,220.39
Ending Balance: \$9,119.75

If you'd like the Road Show to visit your Group's event, just ask!
Thanks for allowing Carl & I to take care of your Literature needs.

Meeting list Chair: Anna D Co-Chair: Laura K

meetinglist@aaaj.org

The September meeting lists are now available to purchase. Since our last edition, we've made a total of 28 changes including 7 meetings that were deleted. We have also updated the PDF VERSION on our website. Laura and I want to thank everyone that submitted a meeting change.

As always, if there are any questions or concerns please contact us at meetinglist@aaaj.org. Thank you!

Newsletter Chair: Judy P Co-Chair: Linda

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Keep those articles, poems, and contributions coming in! This is a great way to do service.

Public Info Chair: Eileen T Co-Chair: Rich M

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Public Information continues to support IDRC. Patty attended in August to observe and assist and she is a new member of the IDRC team to fill in when needed. Thank you Patty! Rowan College reached out or Public Information to participate in a Health Fair and Public Information will support this with literature and members at a table to answer any questions. The high school programs will be starting up again and P I will be attending the quarterly SAC meeting (substance abuse counselors) at the end of September to discuss how we can help spread the word of AA to young people who may need it.

Many AA groups have been requesting funding and literature for special meetings they are sponsoring. One group wanted us to support a new Big Book meeting, many others asked for literature and funding. We need to be clear that Public Information does not financially support AA groups .Each group is self supporting and it is not the role of PI to fund any group. We will support events that are scheduled through PI, such as Rowan's Health fair this month. We supply Information to the Public in the form of literature, and our AA members to explain to the public what AA is and is not. We go to places such as Police stations, Dr offices, hospitals, high schools etc. It is not the role of Public Information to supply literature or money to individual groups. I hope this helps! If anyone has any questions please contact myself or Rich.

Social Events Chair: Dylan B Co-Chair: Rick D, Denise R

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Social events has 5 new committee members!!

Gratitude Dinner Dance- Saturday November 10th, 6-10pm. Nicolosi's in Woodbury
Take a flyer and stay tuned for tickets!!

Unity Chair: Jen G Co-Chair: Wendy W

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Had a lot of fun working with Karen the Office Manager to make welcome folders for the new reps (and the old!) at Intergroup. Also looking forward to visiting new groups who do not have an Intergroup rep. For the month of August, there were a total of 42 reps at our last meeting, 3 new reps and 22 Steering Committee members.

Website Chair: Josh V Co-Chair: Richie M

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Modifying event submission form. Planning strategy for event flyers which are currently not automatically supported. Working to improve spam issues on email accounts. Thank you for your continued patience

SPECIAL REPORTS

Trustees: Brett R, Bruce B, Cletus C, Frank Z, Tina O

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Please take the H&I commitments back to your groups. Participation is key for great service work.

Area 45 Alternate Delegate: Rich

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Some upcoming events of note:

Area 45's Inventory will be held 9/15 from 9 till noon at Hope Church, 700 Cooper Rd, Voorhees, NJ 08043.

CAIG is hosting the 2018 Day of Sharing this year on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at the Absecon Presbyterian Church, 208 New Jersey Ave., Absecon, New Jersey 08201 from 9am to 1pm.

The Annual Convention will be held starting October 26, 2018 at the Hotel ML. You must register in advance; there will be no walk ins. About half the rooms and a third of the available registrations are already gone.

The next are assembly will be 11/18 at Gibson House.

Office Manager: Karen M

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I've had the pleasure of working with both the Budget & Finance Committee and the Unity Committee this month. I'm excited about the great job both of these teams are doing. Look for good things to be happening soon!

I've also enjoyed working with Anna on improving the meeting list change process in the past few months. These improvements will continue to help our office operate more efficiently.

Thank you to Nichole and the Steering Committee members who stepped up to ensure that the Steering Committee ran smoothly while I was gone. Stay tuned...I'm looking forward to reporting on what I learn in Texas.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment at 8:45pm: with the *"Responsibility Pledge"*

Respectfully Submitted- **Secretary: Nichole T** **Assist. Secretary: Carolyn L**

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