

## SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP & IG REP MEETING UPDATES

**Date: Intergroup- Weds October 17, 2018**

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

**Trustee Reading:** Cletus

### **Anniversaries:**

- Audubon Last Mile Step and Tradition at the United Methodist Church. 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. October 29<sup>th</sup>. Desserts at 7pm. Speakers at 7:30pm.
- Maple Shade. 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. November 13<sup>th</sup>. Food at 6pm. Meeting at 7pm.
- Magnolia Saturday Night. 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. November 10<sup>th</sup>. Meeting at 7:30pm.
- The Lawnside Group. 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary. November 2<sup>nd</sup>. AA and ALANON Speakers at 8pm.
- Sisters in Sobriety. Willingboro. October 24<sup>th</sup>. Food at 6pm. Meeting at 7pm.
- Audubon Anniversary. October 29<sup>th</sup>. Desserts at 7pm, Speakers at 7:30 pm.

### **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 has moved (8-9pm). New location: Calvin Hall- Logan Presbyterian Church in Audubon.
- MOVING: The Living Room Women's Meeting will be moving **starting Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**. Meeting will still start at 7pm. New location: 704 Garden Street Haddon Heights, NJ.

**Tradition #10: Denise**

**Concept #10: Cletus**

**Greeters for October: Joe, Rick**

**Set-up/Cleaners for October: Michael, Alexa**

**next month Tradition #11: Joe**

**next month Concept # 11: Sky**

**Greeters for November: Phil, Cletus**

**Set-up/Cleaners for November: Michael, Tonette, Ryan**

**Chair: Patti S**

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Welcome to Fall. Great time of year, cool temperatures and lots to do.

I attended the Area Inventory last month. There were some interesting topics and opinions shared. I will get the report from Richard and share with Intergroup.

We have the Area 45 Day Of Sharing on October 20, 2018 in Absecon. I am asking all committee chairs and co-chairs to make every attempt to attend.

I am also asking all Intergroup reps to take this back to your Home group and try to get a group together to attend.

This is how we participate in AA and help make changes as necessary for Area 45. I thank all of you for your continued service.

The Area 45 convention is also coming up on October 26,27,28 at the Mt. Laurel Hotel, Rte 73, Mt. Laurel. This is always a great event, lots of fellowship, friendships renewed, and message of hope! Great speakers and round the clock meetings. Sign up on- line; check the flyer in the back for more details. Stay connected, that's how we stay sober!

The Cape Atlantic Round up is November 2, 3 and 4th. Another great event with terrific speakers, round the clock meetings, and lots of fellowship.

H&I is becoming a topic of concern. We are still having issues with the commitments not being filled, and some no-shows at the ones that are. I cannot express how important it is to get these filled and to be there to represent!~ This is the first line of contact that some of these folks have with AA, and we are all responsible. If you don't have a commitment, come up and see Frank after the meeting and get one. Ask the H&I rep to send out reminders to the people who take the commitments.

PLEASE go back to your home group and talk to your group, your H&I rep, and ensure that you are making every attempt to fill the commitment, if you try the best you can, and cannot fill it, then bring it back to the committee, but be sure to give them 24-48 hours notice.

**Vice-Chair: Brian C**

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Welcome to fall! Really don't have anything to report, Patty said it all.

Would like to remind everybody about Gratitude Dance. It's right around corner. It's Saturday, November 10. I would encourage all Chairs and Co-Chairs to help sell tickets. Let's make this the best Dance ever.

As always if your committee needs any help, please contact me.

**Treasurer: Michael R Asst. Treasurer: Jen T**  
Thank you for all your donations.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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28 shifts reported their call totals for September. Volunteers reported taking a total of 132 calls for the month. Answercomm took a total of 24 calls. We currently have two open shifts: Friday 10AM-12PM and Saturday 6-8PM. Please have anyone interested in volunteering contact us at [answeringservice@aaaj.org](mailto:answeringservice@aaaj.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@aaaj.org](mailto:answeringservice@aaaj.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 are continuing to gather any information as it pertains to AA in South Jersey and log the information at the SJIG office. Please stop in and have a look and learn about AA history and history in South Jersey. We have received more "Long/ Old timers" questionnaires and are working to have those uploaded onto the [AASJ.ORG](http://AASJ.ORG) Website. If you or anyone you know with 30 or more years of sobriety would like to contribute there is a form on the website.

1957 [A landmark book](#)

In Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, published **October** 1, 1957, Bill recounts A.A. history from a personal standpoint and reviews the proceedings of the St. Louis Convention. A section describing the Three Legacies is included, as are talks by A.A. friends in the fields of religion and medicine.

1969 [The First World Service Meeting](#)

For the first time, representatives from countries where A.A.s have established a G.S.O or a literature distribution center convene to share information on service structures, group services, publishing, and finance. The date is **October** 8-11, 1969, and the place is New York City. Attendees include Bill W., Chairman Dr. John L. Norris, G.S.O. New York manager Bob H., and delegates from Australia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Holland, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, United Kingdom, and the U.S.

1991 [First Native American Convention in 1991](#)

"Living Our Traditions Through Sobriety" is both the purpose of Native American A.A. gatherings and the motto on the emblem they create (right) for the first annual convention for Native American A.A.s from the U.S. and Canada. Among the 800 attendees at the event, held in **October** 1991 in Las Vegas, are Native Americans from some 100 tribes plus representatives of tribal alcohol programs, halfway houses, and treatment centers. In ensuing years, Washington, South Dakota, North Carolina, and other states will hold their own conventions, leading to the fourteenth National/ International Native American Convention which will convene in Minneapolis in 2004.

**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. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

**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 19 groups and individuals in attendance, and 32 commitments for the month of November still open after the meeting. Thank you to everyone who came and participated!

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!

We're continuing to hear that groups are not showing up for the commitments they have taken. I've personally received several texts and phone calls from speakers informing me that they missed their commitment because they "forgot" or had something come up. This has become a serious problem, as facilities are now closing their doors to our speakers because they don't feel as though we're reliable. This deprives their patients the chance to hear the message of AA and denies members of AA valuable service opportunities. **As a reminder, if you, your group's rep take commitments for your group, make sure you can fill them if no one else can. If you can't don't take them. If you, a group member take a commitment from your rep, and then can no longer fill it, it's your responsibility to get a new speaker.**

Texting/emailing me or Debbie F 2 hours before your commitment is supposed to be filled to get new speakers is not effective and not appreciated. We need minimally 24 hours notice to fill commitments with new speakers.

Given the above issues, beginning January 2019, we will be removing hosts and groups with on-going commitments unless we hear from those hosts or groups directly. If your group is taking an ongoing commitment at a facility and would like to retain it, then your group's representative needs to reach out to me directly.

**Literature Chair: Andy E    Co-Chair: Carl S**

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We've got a new Grapevine title on the way, "One Big Tent" a collection of stories about Atheists & Agnostics journeys. Should be in soon. Also, a new awareness poster about Anonymity. Here's the numbers for September...

Opening Balance: \$ 9,119.75  
Deposits: \$ 2,817.20  
Expenses: \$ 4,454.60  
Ending Balance: \$ 7,482.35

We'd like to recruit & train a couple Sales Volunteers so that we have substitutes when needed. See Carl or myself after the meeting. 1 year of solid sobriety required. Thanks for letting us serve your Group.

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

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We had a total of 4 meeting list changes this month. Laura and I want to thank those groups for informing us of their changes.

As we move forward we want to encourage everyone to make ALL changes using the "Online Meeting List Update Form". Paper forms will still be available at the IGR monthly meeting and the Intergroup Office for those that don't have access to the internet.

As always, if there are any questions or concerns please contact Laura or myself at [meetinglist@aaaj.org](mailto:meetinglist@aaaj.org).

**Newsletter Chair: Judy P    Co-Chair: Linda H**

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Many thanks to all who have sent in contributions. Our newsletter looks great because of you! Please continue to send in articles, poems, thoughts, anything you like. It's a great way to be of service!

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

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Public Information continues to support IDRC. We have two new members of IDRC, Joe C and Richie M. Thank you for stepping up to this service commitment.

We are participating in several local health fairs, providing literature and members to help spread awareness of AA. Mike M will be a part of a panel at Rowan University discussing addiction and the impact on young people. PI attended the quarterly Sac (substance abuse coordinators) meeting of local high schools and Rich will continue to attend local health classes with other young AA members, sharing their message of AA and their experience strength and hope. PI also attended a local meeting with SACs on current issues in High Schools and Rich was able to network and offer support .

Should anyone wish to help distribute literature to local police depts, libraries or doctor offices pls email Public Information.

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

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DON'T FORGET: Gratitude Dinner Dance  
Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. 6pm-10pm  
Nicolosi Catering, 1 Hessian Avenue, West Deptford, NJ  
\$20.00 per person  
GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!! Available at the Intergroup office.

**Unity Chair: Jen G Co-Chair: Wendy W**

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Stellar attendance last month! A total of 59 groups attended the September intergroup meeting, with 3 new reps and 16 Steering members present. New welcome folders and service manuals available to new (and seasoned!) members. Looking forward to working with the office manager more on an updated attendance list. More to come! Thanks for letting us serve as your chair and co-chair!

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

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Digesting all the knowledge gained in Austin on 9/14-9/16/18. We learned of many more opportunities where technology is touching the needs and growth of other committees as well as creating completely new ways of reaching the newcomer. Other intergroups around the country have adopted Committees to address this, that cover more than just the website. Our first suggestion is to create a new "Tech Committee" of existing web chair, web co-chair, and office manager. If approved, our first Tech Committee meeting was held 9/27/18: Karen M, Josh V, Richie M attended. Karen has been terrific in organizing everything we came back with (see also the awesome "12 Statements of Technology" on the office bulletin board!). More to come as we introduce ideas learned and offer suggestions how technology can help your committee carry the message. Some hints: technology workshops, online chat, electronic 7th tradition, and many more. Continue work on event submission form, event flyers. Thank you for your continued patience.

## SPECIAL REPORTS

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

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The Trustees met on October 3, 2018. Among other things, some of which are ongoing, we attempted to review the Changes to the Bylaws in their submitted form. We have attached a detailed report to the Steering Committee recommending certain changes be made by the Bylaws Committee to the way in which the Changes to the Bylaws are submitted.

**Area 45 Alternate Delegate: Rich**

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Area 45 and CAIG are hosting the annual Day of Sharing this year. It's in Absecon NJ on 10/20. I've been sending out reminder emails about this event, which brings together all three intergroups and Area for a discussion of common issues and solutions. I hope you can make it. On 10/26-10/28 Area 45's Annual Convention will be held at the Hotel ML. Pre-registration is required, which you can do online. Area's next Assembly will be at the Gibson House on 11/18.

**Office Manager: Karen M**

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Seems I'm still on my technology quest. I'm looking forward to working with the Answering Service and Technology Committees next month. Stay tuned for info on a local Technology Workshop (targeted for January).

Unfortunately I won't be able to make the Day of Sharing but I'd like to strongly encourage all committees to attend. There's not much better than sharing experience with people who do similar service work (especially if you don't have to go all the way to Texas to do it!).

**Old Business:**

Motion to change the Website Committee to the Tech Committee - passed  
Motion to have the Intergroup Steering Committee host a service workshop - passed

**New Business:**

None

**Adjournment at 8:50 pm: with the "Responsibility Pledge"**

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

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