

SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP & IG REP MEETING UPDATES

Date: Intergroup- Weds November 21, 2018

Opening: Opened at 8pm with "Serenity Prayer"

Trustee Reading: Cletus

Anniversaries:

- Woodstown Group. Woodstown Presbyterian Church. 63rd Anniversary. Jan 19th. Food at 6:30pm. Speakers at 8pm.

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.

- NEW MEETING: "Spiritual Foundation of Unity". Beginning December 12th, every Wednesday night from 7-8pm. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Magnolia, NJ.

- ALCATHON: Florence Friday Night Big Book Group. December 31st. Food at 5pm. Meetings every hour from 6pm until midnight.

- ALCATHON: 482 Social Hall. Pennsauken, NJ. December 31st. Speakers from 9pm – 3am. Then again from 6am – 6pm New Year's Day.

Tradition #11 : Joe

Concept #11 : Skye

Greeters for November: Phil, Cletus

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

next month Tradition #12 : Kevin

next month Concept #12 : Carl

Greeters for December : Tim, Brian

Set-up/Cleaners for December : Denise, Michael

Chair: Patti S

chairperson@aasj.org

This is a month of gratitude and blessings with Thanksgiving and the holiday season beginning. Wishing all of you a very blessed and prosperous holiday.

I like to remember what I am thankful for at this time of year, it always brings me back to all of you, AA and God.

Without these, I would not be here today. Thank you all.

We have quite a lot going on in the area. Area 45 Day of Sharing was a huge success, thank you all who participated.

We had a really great turn out!

Area 45 convention, with the change of venue and agenda, it was well attended. Intergroup represented, and we had a lot of fun with Family Feud! we did our shine the Area!!

I did attend the H&I meeting held on October 29- we had a fantastic turn out and I want to thank all the groups that participated!!! Please keep reminding your home group about the importance of attendance! We do appreciate your support!

I also attended the quarterly bookers meeting, and again, a great turn out! Thanks again to your groups for the support! I would like to thank Beverly and Tracy for the fantastic job they do running the meeting and keeping it organized and running smoothly! Its a challenge at best, and what a great job they both do for us!

Vice-Chair: Brian C

vchairperson@aasj.org

No report.

Treasurer: Michael R Asst. Treasurer: Jen T

treasurer@aasj.org

Thanks to all the contributing groups & Assistant Treasurer Jen for bringing in so many contributions this month. The expense side is high because the treasurer booked committee expenditures for AA literature for July through October all in October, so those expenses are about four times normal.

COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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24 shifts reported their call totals for October. Volunteers across the board reported lower than normal call volumes with a reported total of 130 calls for the month. Answercomm took a total of 43 calls. We currently have one (1) open shift: Friday 10AM-12PM. Please have anyone interested in volunteering contact us at answeringservice@aasj.org we are always looking to add volunteers to our waiting list.

On October 20th I attended my first "Day of Sharing" in Absecon, NJ on behalf of our committee and found it to be very helpful and encouraging to share ideas and hear other areas committee member's points of view.

The updated 12-step list has been delayed, but I am hopeful that it will be available by the end of November to disperse to our volunteers. Again I can't stress enough the need for new volunteers to fill the vacancies left by people who have been removed from the older list. There is a sign-up sheet available at this month's intergroup meeting. I'd like to encourage everyone in attendance to please consider adding this volunteer work to the valuable services you already support. "Freely ye have received; freely give.." If you or anyone else you know would like to volunteer please have them contact us @ answeringservice@aasj.org.

Archives Chair: Jennifer D Co-Chair: Rick M archives@aasj.org

Rick and I attended Area 45's Day of Sharing which was a great way to be of service to SJIG, Area 45, and to AA as a whole.

Group histories and Old/ Long timers questionnaires have been moved from the old website to the new website.

Please look and see if your group's history is available for viewing. If not please contact Archives@aasj.org by emailing directly or clicking on the website link! Our history is important!!

The SJIG office has archives Rick and I continue to view and catalog. If you are interested and available for service please reach out and volunteer to help!

Bookers Chair: Beverly M Co-Chair: Traci K bookers@aasj.org

The last Bookers meeting was held on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at the New Beginnings Club in Runnemede, NJ. The meeting was attended by 46 groups and 265 speaking commitments were filled. There were 10 groups who only took outgoing speaking commitments as a way for their home group to do additional service. Thank you to everyone who attended and for helping to fill every commitment needed.

DATE AND LOCATION CHANGE

The next Bookers Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 14 at 8 PM at St. Bart's, 1989 Route 70, Cherry Hill, NJ. All of the meetings in 2019 will be held quarterly, on the second Thursday of the month, at St. Bart's. The dates for 2019 are February 14, May 9, August 8 and November 14 at 8 PM

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 budget@aasj.org

Thank you for your continued support of South Jersey Intergroup.

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 handi@aasj.org

Thanks to everyone who attended our last H&I meeting on October 29. We had 20 group reps and individuals in attendance. H&I still needs your support! We'd love to see more group reps and individuals out our monthly meeting (Nov. 26).

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: DayTop Young People's Community will no longer be hosting H&I speakers.

As a final reminder, we will be removing groups and individuals with on-going hosting commitments beginning January 2019, unless we hear from those respective groups and hosts. The reason for this is two-fold, first it is in the spirit of rotation, and second, to ensure that these commitments are in fact being filled by those who have them.

Below is the list of the remaining open commitments for November and December 2018.

NOVEMBER

Tuesday

Delaware House – Westampton NJ Nov 27 2-3pm 21 Ikea Drive, Westampton NJ

Wednesday

Jefferson MICA Unit – Cherry Hill NJ Nov 7, 21 12-1pm 2201 Chapel Ave W, "new building", Cherry Hill NJ

Unity Place I - Cherry Hill NJ Nov 7, 21 12:40-1:30pm 1 Keystone Ave, Cherry Hill, NJ

Solstice Counseling Services – Pemberton NJ Nov 14, 21 12-1pm 300 Birmingham Road, Pemberton, NJ

Northbrook Behavioral Health – Blackwood NJ Nov 14, 28 8-9pm 425 Woodbury-Turnersville Rd Blackwood NJ

Thursday

Ancora Psych Hosp – Hammonton NJ Nov 15, 29 7-8pm 202 Spring Garden Rd Hammonton NJ
Lourdes Psych Unit – Willingboro NJ Nov 29 8-9pm 218 Sunset Rd, Willingboro NJ
Unity Place II - Hammonton NJ Nov 1, 15, 29 2-3 pm 121 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton, NJ
Daybreak - Atco NJ – Nov 8, 15, 22, 29 10:30-12:00 noon 368 White Horse Pike, Atco, NJ

DECEMBER

Sunday

Ambrosia Treatment Center (New Building) Dec 30 7-8pm 283 Old Marlton Pike Medford NJ

Monday

Ancora Psych Hosp – Hammonton NJ Dec 31 7-8pm 202 Spring Garden Rd Hammonton NJ
Maryville Women's Williamstown NJ Dec 24, 31 8-9pm 1903 Grant Ave Williamstown NJ
Princeton House Dec 3 9:30-10:20am 351 New Albany Road, Moorestown NJ
Maryville Men's Post House Dec 3, 31 8-9pm 610 Browns Mills Road, Pemberton NJ

Tuesday

Maryville Men's Williamstown NJ Dec 25 8-9pm 1903 Grant Ave Williamstown NJ
Maryville Women's Williamstown NJ Dec 4, 11, 25 8-9pm 1903 Grant Ave Williamstown NJ
Cooper Psych Unit Dec 25 8-9pm 1 Cooper Plaza Camden NJ
Solstice Counseling Services Dec 18 7-8pm 300 Birmingham Road Pemberton NJ
Delaware House – Westampton NJ Dec 4, 25 2-3pm 21 Ikea Drive, Westampton NJ
Ambrosia Treatment Center (New Building) Dec 25 7-8pm 283 Old Marlton Pike Medford NJ

Wednesday

Jefferson MICA Unit – Cherry Hill NJ Dec 19 12-1pm 2201 Chapel Ave W, “new building”, Cherry Hill NJ
Unity Place I - Cherry Hill NJ Dec 5, 12, 19, 26 12:40-1:30pm 1 Keystone Ave, Cherry Hill, NJ
Solstice Counseling Services – Pemberton NJ Dec 19 12-1pm 300 Birmingham Road, Pemberton, NJ
My Friend's House – Woodbury Heights NJ Dec 5, 26 7-8pm 371 Glassboro Rd, Woodbury Heights NJ

Thursday

Ancora Psych Hosp – Hammonton NJ Dec 20, 27 7-8pm 202 Spring Garden Rd Hammonton NJ
Unity Place II - Hammonton NJ Dec 6, 13, 20, 27 2-3 pm 121 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton, NJ
Daybreak - Atco NJ – Dec 13, 20 10:30-12:00 noon 368 White Horse Pike, Atco, NJ

Friday

Maryville Men's Post House Dec 14, 21 8-9pm 610 Browns Mills Road, Pemberton NJ

Saturday

Cooper Psych Unit – Camden NJ Dec 1, 29 10:30-11:30am 1 Cooper Plaza Camden NJ

Literature Chair: Andy E Co-Chair: Carl S

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November Grapevine's are in, as well as their latest book, One Big Tent. (Stories about Agnostics & Atheists and how they found the spirituality to stay sober in A.A.)

World Services is offering a 4 book set, A.A. History Shelf, B-0, B-3, B-8 & B-9, a \$43 value if purchased individually, for just \$30.00 !

I'm thinking Holiday Gift to me... (or for someone special)

e-mail us if you'd like us to reserve one for you.

Here's the numbers for October:

Opening Balance: \$7,482.35

Expenses: -\$3,106.87

Income: +\$4,633.45

Ending Balance: \$9,008.93

It's Gratitude Month, so Thanks to all of our Literature Sales Volunteers, and Thanks for allowing Carl & I to help your Group carry the message !

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

meetinglist@aaaj.org

We had a slow month. There were only 3 meeting changes. We want to remind all groups that if they don't submit an "Online Meeting Change Form" we won't be able to process the change. (Paper changes will be accepted provided they are completely filled out.) If your group is having trouble finding or completing the online form please let Laura or myself know and we will gladly assist you.

The meeting list committee, with the advice of the Steering committee and Trustees, has revisited the "Club House Issue" again, and decided that this issue has been properly vetted and shall not be reconsidered again until the next panel.

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

Newsletter Chair: Judy P Co-Chair: Linda H

newsletter@aaaj.org

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

publicinfo@aaaj.org

Public Information continues to support IDRC (Intoxicated Drivers Resource Center). I would like to welcome Joe C and Richie M as new members to the IDRC commitment who are now on the monthly schedule. Thank you or your service.

Public Information attended 5 high schools this month, sharing their experience, strength and hope. Through their service commitment they shared information about AA as a resource so students know where to turn should they ever need it. We also distributed AA literature , "Young People and AA" and other brochures and some meeting lists. Several health teachers and guidance counselors thanked us for this valuable commitment. In November Public Information will attend a panel discussion on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction at Rowan University and Mike M will lead this discussion. Public Information also attended a program, Hidden In Plain Sight at Kingsbridge High School. It is information for parents and students on alcoholism and drug abuse. Several High Schools have this program annually and we attend whenever asked. Many other schools are emailing and asking for AA members to come to the health classes so we are pleased to be of service.

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

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The Gratitude Dinner was a total success! What a great way to kick off the Holiday season. Thank you to all who lent a hand. This wouldn't have been possible without your dedicated service! We had approximately 115 guests attend.

Technology Chair: Josh V Co-Chair: Richie M

tech@aaaj.org

Continue to work to improve email spam filters. Fixed WordPress access for Office Manager, Literature, and Meeting Lists committees. Karen is now able to upload minutes and newsletters and has brought the resources page up to date. Karen is researching telephone and internet options. Thank you for your continued patience.

Unity Chair: Jen G Co-Chair: Wendy W

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Productive month at the intergroup office! Myself, my cochair and the intergroup manager compiled more welcome folders to administer to new intergroup reps. Last month we had a total of 35 groups represented at the intergroup meeting, with 18 steering group members in attendance and 3 new group representatives. Looking forward to inviting groups not yet represented to intergroup!

SPECIAL REPORTS

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

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The Trustees consulted with the Meeting List Committee and support their action.

Area 45 Alternate Delegate: Rich

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GSO officially announced its licensing of the Meeting Guide App. Help and more info is available at meetingguide.aa.org.

Thanks to everyone who came to the Area convention and to the Day of Sharing, which had the biggest attendance ever, not least in part because to many SJIG folks made the trek to Absecon. Next year it's Central Jersey's turn to host.

Area 45's Fall Assembly is November 18, 2018 starting at 10 a.m. at the Gibson House, 535 East Main Street, Marlton NJ 08053. New GSR orientation starts 8:30 a.m. This event marks the half-way point for Panel 68, elections are just one year away.

Office Manager: Karen M

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The recently AAWS approved Meeting Guide App is a great tool for anyone in AA. Please spread the word that it is available.

I am currently looking into options to improve the internet and phone service in the office. I'd like to thank the Answering Service and Technology committees for meeting to discuss that and other opportunities. If any other committees have office internet/phone suggestions or requests, please let me know. Stay tuned for recommendations...

Old Business:

New Business:

Brainstorming ideas for Unity committee to get more groups involved in Intergroup.

Some preliminary ideas:

- Pass the list of groups that do not have IG reps around. IG reps can then go to these groups and talk to members about appointing one.
- Using technology: videochat / facetime.

Service workshops in multiple areas throughout South Jersey to get more interest and let people know what Intergroup is and how they can get involved.

Adjournment at 8:50pm: with the *“Responsibility Pledge”*

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

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