

SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP MEETING & IG REP MEETING UPDATES

Date: Steering- Weds10/16/19

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

Steering Attendees: Patti S, Brian C, Brielle B, Cletus C, Jen D, Rick M, Beverly M, Phil K, Carl, Anna D, Andy, Wendy, Richie M, Rich, Frank C, Karen B, Dylan B, Andy E

Trustee Reading: Brett

Anniversaries:

Jennifer- Oct 19th 6 Years

Tracy- Oct 6th 7 years

Jen D- Oct 12th 7 years

Sky- Oct 2nd 20 years

Cletus- Oct 1st 31 years

Gary- Oct 16th 36 years

Group Announcements

Pemberton Happy hour Hanoner Street closed, take detour

Oct 29th Berlin Group anniversary 7pm-8:30pm

Oct- 30th Burlington Sisters in Sobriety anniversary, food and fellowship 6pm (men welcome)

Nov 1st- Lawnside group anniversary 8pm to 9pm with food after

Nov 12th- Maple shade group 57th anniversary, food 6:15pm speaker at 7pm

Tradition # 10: Cletus

Concept #10: Tim

Committee Spotlight October: Public Info

Greeters for October: Tonette, Tracey, Anna

Set-up/Cleaners for October: Joe, Natt, Brett, Frank

next month Tradition #11: Joe

next month Concept #11: Frank

Committee Spotlight: Public Info

Greeters for November: Tim, Brian, Damon

Set-up/Cleaners for November: Patti, Tracey, Melissa

Chair: Patti S

chairperson@aaaj.org

Michael is no longer the Intergroup Treasurer. While we thank Michael for his service as treasurer, I regret to inform the intergroup body that he has been relieved of his duties as treasurer. This decision was made after much consideration and discussion with steering committee members and trustees. There have been multiple complaints from steering committee members, since Michael's appointment as treasurer, which have increased significantly over the last couple of months. These are in line with AA's yellow safety card. As such, we felt it was our duty to remove him immediately.

There is an opening for the treasurer position,

If you have or know anyone who has experience in accounting or who has experience with Quick Books, please let us know. The requirement is 5 years sobriety. The job description:

TREASURER: Shall keep an accurate account of all IG financial affairs, both income and disbursements, reporting same to the IG Steering Committee, as well as the IG Representative.

In love and peace,

Patti

SJIG Chair

Vice-Chair: Brian

vchairperson@aaaj.org

Fall is in the air! Love this cooler weather!

Last month I attended the Social Media workshop. The speakers were great and learned a lot. Went to Triboro Anniversary and many speaker commitments. Had lots of fun.

Coming up looking forward to Matt 19, this weekend, Day of Sharing 10/19, and of course Gratitude Dinner Dance 11/09.

Plenty of things to do in AA if you want.

Start to think about taking a commitment in the upcoming election. All Chair / Co-Chairs need to be filled. Step up to Service!

Anybody needs anything feel free to get a hold of me.

Yours in Service
Brian C

Treasurer: **Asst. Treasurer: Jen B**

treasurer@asaj.org

Thanks to all our Groups for your continued support. This month's report includes all contributions from July to September. Please remember to put your Group #, or Town & Group Name, on your contribution or in the envelope. Enjoy the fall colors out there!

;-)

COMMITTEE REPORT

Ans. Service Chair: Tracey C Co-Chair: Steve M

answeringservice@asaj.org

First let me take the opportunity to thank Steve M. for stepping up and volunteering as the new Co-Chair for the answering service committee. Please welcome him aboard!

A total of 17 shifts reported their call totals for September with volunteers reporting a total of 54 calls for the month. Answercomm took a total of 33 calls.

Please remind everyone of the newly created "Early bird" time slot from 6-8AM. We have several of these slots still open. Here is the current list of open shifts that needs coverage. Please announce these openings at your home groups so we can get this shifts filled.

Sunday 6AM-8AM & 2PM-4PM, Monday 6AM-8AM & 12PM-2PM, Tues. 6AM-8AM & O/N from 10PM-6AM Thursday 6AM-8AM, 8AM-10AM & O/N from 10PM-6AM Saturday 6AM-8AM

Please continue to remind everyone that more volunteers are need for the 12-step list. We have signup sheets available for anyone wishing to take a copy to their home groups. If you know anyone who would like to be of service, please have them contact us at answeringservice@asaj.org.

Archives Chair: Jennifer D Co-Chair: Rick M

archives@asaj.org

Hey ya'll happy Fall!

Archives is continuing to work on digitizing information. We are in contact with Area 45 co chair to obtain an audio/video of one of Bill W's secretaries. We are also in contact with Cape Atlantic sharing ideas for Archives. Rick attended the anniversary for the Triboro group and it was fantastic!

Anyone interested in AA history should pick up a copy of the new book "Our Great Responsibility."

We will be holding the committee meeting the first Thursday of every month at the Intergroup office from 7-9 pm. Anyone interested in joining us please just show up!

I'm grateful service,

Jen D and Rick M.

Bookers Chair: Beverly M Co-Chair: Traci K

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The Bookers meeting was held on August 8, 2019 at our new permanent location of St. Bart's in Cherry Hill, NJ. The meeting was attended by 39 groups and 259 speaking commitments were filled. There were no new groups and 8 groups 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.

The next Bookers Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2019, 2019 at 8 PM at St. Bart's, 1989 Route 70, Cherry Hill, 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

budget@aasj.org

Please be sure to pick up a printed copy of the proposed 2020 South Jersey Intergroup budget from the back. A first draft of the budget was provided to the steering committee in September. Multiple committee chairs and panel members contacted me, either requesting clarification or requesting additional resources for the committees in 2020. The budget document has been modified slightly, so that the three important columns are "January - July 2019", "2018 Total", and "Proposed Budget 2020". The past two years' budgets, at a minimum, included a middle column that showed Projected Totals for the existing year, based on the amounts spent or amounts received through the first 7 months of the current year. While we (budget & finance committee) rely on basic equations to forecast group contributions for the year, we don't believe that column of Projected Totals was as useful as a column that shows accurate totals for the most recent completed year, in this case 2018. So the budget document has the in-progress year, then the finished last year (2018), then what we are proposing for next year.

Because of your group's valued contributions, we have a surplus so far this year. Budget & Finance proposes to roll over approximately \$2,500 of the expected 2019 surplus directly into the 2020 budget, for the purposes of increasing several committee budgets AND increasing the funds available for Seminar/Conference Attendance for the incoming panel and committee chairs/co-chairs. The SJIG Capital Equipment and Prudent Reserve accounts are appropriately funded and we don't believe there is risk or potential downside to rolling over \$2,500 of 2019 surplus into next year's budget.

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

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Thanks to all who attended our last H&I meeting! We had a full house with 29 reps in attendance. Our biggest meeting of the whole year! We appreciate your continued support.

We still have 38 commitments open for October and only 19 open for November. If you'd like to take one of these commitments please contact us directly.

Our next meeting is October 28, 2019 at 7PM at the Intergroup Office.

OCTOBER 2019

Sunday

Inspira (Underwood) Psych Unit – Woodbury – 4-5pm – Oct. 27
500 N. Broad Street, Woodbury, NJ

Monday

Ancora – Hammonton – 7-8pm – Oct. 28
202 Spring Garden Rd, Hammonton NJ

Maryville Post-House – Pemberton – 8-9pm – Oct. 7, 14
610 Brown Mills Road, Pemberton, NJ

Tuesday

Cooper Psych – Camden – 8-9pm – Oct. 22, 29
1 Cooper Plaza, Camden NJ

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

Recovery Centers of America - Voorhees – 12-1pm – Oct. 15, 29
526 S Burnt Mill Rd, Voorhees NJ

Wednesday

Unity Place I – Cherry Hill – 12:40-1:30pm – Oct. 16, 30
1 Keystone Avenue, Cherry Hill, NJ

Solstice Counseling – Pemberton – 12-1pm – Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30
300 Birmingham Road, Pemberton, NJ

Thursday

Ancora – Hammonton – 7-8pm – Oct. 17, 24, 31
202 Spring Garden Rd, Hammonton NJ

Lourdes Medical Center – Rancocas – 8-9pm – Oct. 24, 31
218 Sunset Rd., Rancocas, NJ

Unity Place II – Hammonton – 10-11am – Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
121 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton, NJ

Daybreak – MICA – Atco – 10:30am-12pm – Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31
368 White Horse Pike, Atco, NJ

Friday

Jefferson Psych Unit – Cherry Hill – 7-8pm – Oct. 11
2201 Chapel Ave., Cherry Hill

Pinelands (Old Building) – Medford – 7-8pm – Oct. 11, 25
287 Old Marlton Pike, Medford NJ

Maryville Post-House – Pemberton – 8-9pm – Oct. 11, 18
610 Brown Mills Road, Pemberton, NJ

Saturday

Inspira Psych Unit – Woodbury – 4-5pm – Oct. 19
509 N Broad St, Woodbury NJ

Maryville Men's – Williamstown – 7-8pm – Oct. 19, 26
1903 Grant Ave, Williamstown NJ

Cooper Psych – Camden – 10:30-11:30am – Oct. 26
1 Cooper Plaza, Camden NJ

NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday

Inspira Psych Unit – Woodbury – 4-5pm – Nov. 3
509 N Broad St, Woodbury NJ

Monday

Ancora – Hammonton – 7-8pm – Nov. 18
202 Spring Garden Rd, Hammonton NJ

Tuesday

Solstice Counseling – Pemberton – 7-8pm – Nov. 5, 26
300 Birmingham Road, Pemberton, NJ

Recovery Centers of America - Voorhees – 12-1pm – Nov. 26
526 S Burnt Mill Rd, Voorhees, NJ

Wednesday

Jefferson MICA Unit – Cherry Hill – 12-1pm – Nov. 20
2201 Chapel Avenue, Cherry Hill, NJ

Unity Place (Adult MICA) – Cherry Hill – 12:40-1:30 pm – Nov. 6, 20, 27
1 Keystone Ave, Cherry Hill. NJ

Solstice Counseling – Pemberton – 12-1pm – Nov. 27

300 Birmingham Road, Pemberton, NJ

Thursday

Ancora – Hammonton – 7-8pm – Nov. 21
202 Spring Garden Rd, Hammonton NJ

Unity Place II – Hammonton – 10-11am – Nov. 7, 14, 21
121 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton, NJ

Daybreak MICA – Atco – 10:30am-12pm – Nov. 14, 21, 28
368 White Horse Pike, Atco, NJ

Friday

Maryville Post House, Pemberton – 8-9pm – Nov. 15
610 Brown Mills Road, Pemberton, NJ

Saturday

Inspira Psych Unit – Woodbury – 4-5pm – Nov. 16
509 N Broad St, Woodbury NJ

Cooper Hospital Psych Unit – Camden – 10:30-11:30 am – Nov. 30
1 Cooper Plaza, Camden, NJ

Frank C - Chair

Debbie F - Co-Chair

Literature Chair: Andy E Co-Chair: Carl S

literature@asj.org

We'd like to give an official welcome to our newest Literature Sales volunteers, Carly & Ben. We have completed our overdue inventory, and the results were within \$105.00 of actual stock, thanks to the diligence of our volunteers. Here's the numbers for September:

Opening Balance: \$8,931.18
Income & Sales: \$2,323.37
AAWS Purchases: \$1,302.25
SJIG Support: \$ 296.00
Ending Balance \$9,656.30

Let us know if your Group would like the Road Show to attend your next Anniversary or Event. We're here to serve your Group!

Peace... Andy & Carl... ;-)

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

meetinglist@asj.org

Hello everybody.

We only had a few meeting changes submitted this month. We thank all of those groups for using the Online Meeting Change Form.

The next updated (printed) Meeting List will be available soon. If your group has any changes and would like them included, please submit them as soon as possible.

As always, if there are any QUESTIONS or CONCERNS please contact meetinglist@asj.org. However, for any CHANGES please use the Online Meeting Change Form.

Thank you,
Meeting List Committee

Newsletter Chair: Co-Chair: Nancy L
No report

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

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Public Information continues to support IDRC. Jim Werner , a long time sober moment of AA passed away in August and he was very active with IDRC and other commitments. His vacancy needs to be filled and we were asked to have some women help with this commitment as the population has been changing for drunk driving arrests. Since Jims passing, I was asked to sit on the Board for LACADA. (Local advisory committee for alcohol and drug addiction) as he has done it for many years. Jim is in our thoughts and prayers. There have been several community events that Public Information has attended. Thank you Joe C for assisting with the Camden county drug and alcohol program. Another program PI attended is Hidden in Plain sight , run by the DEA, with a discussion of the prevalence of alcohol and drugs in the youth. High schools continue to seek young sober members to come into health classes and we have attended 3 schools so far this year and will continue to do so to increase awareness of AA. If anyone would like to do service please contact Public Information.

Thank you,
Eileen

Social Events Chair: Dylan B Co-Chair: Denise R, Rick D socialevents@asaj.org

Hello Everyone!

The Gratitude Dance is fast approaching!
Nicolosi Catering on November 9th at 6pm.
Hope to see you all there!

Technology Chair: Josh V Co-Chair: Richie M

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No issues relating to website or email. Spam filtering seems to be working well. Handled all website intrusion attack attempts and reported to appropriate abuse departments. Updated email and website for Treasurer and Office Manager changes. Mailchimp training session with Karen B. set for Wednesday at noon. Outstanding: H&I– introduce MailChimp for their mailings; Archives– group history web forms; Meeting Guide– Andy working on logo; Website Events– online event attachments for flyers. Random asaj.org stats for September 2019 via Advanced Web Statistics 7.7: Top search key phrases: aasj meetings (10%), aasj (8.5%), asaj.org (6.4%); Top keywords: aa (15.5%), meetings (14.5%), jersey (9%).

Unity Chair: Jen G Co-Chair: Wendy W

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Huge turnout last month with 12 brand new reps! Looking forward to even more signups in September!!!

SPECIAL REPORTS

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

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Area 45 Alternate Delegate: Rich

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The big news is Area's Annual Day of Sharing, which Central Jersey Intergroup is hosting October 19, 2019 from 8:30 to 12:00 at the Carlslake Community Center, 207 Crosswicks Street, Bordentown NJ.

This event brings together people in service from all three intergroups and the Area for a lively discussion of common issues and solutions that arise in carrying the message. All AAs are welcome.

If you are an intergroup committee chair please plan on attending. If you know you can't attend, maybe consider getting someone knowledgeable to stand in for you so that your committee will be represented.

Finally, don't forget Area 45 Elections will be held on 11/17/2019 at Gibson House. You must be there to participate.

In love and service,

Rich H.

Area 45 Alternate Delegate

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Old Business:

Motion: We should not display any separate lists of any organization, not part of AA, on our meeting list.

- Motion was 2nd, Next month will be presentation of “remove” and “keep”
- Presentations were heard from both sides, please take info back to groups to bring back for questions/discussions next month

Questions :

- Is the disclaimer regarding clubhouses at the top of the meeting list sufficient?
 - o This is for the intergroup body/ the groups to decide.
 - If the disclaimer was not there, would the list be in violation of Tradition 6?
 - o Up to the group conscience. **NOTE:** The disclaimer is not up for discussion, it is just the question of whether or not to keep the clubhouses listed on the meeting list.
 - Would removing the clubhouses hurt the meetings being held at the clubhouses?
 - o The meetings themselves are still listed in the meeting list
 - Does the disclaimer remove legal liability from Intergroup?
 - o No answer. But again, the disclaimer is not the focus here
 - Does having the clubhouses listed infer affiliation with AA?
 - o This is what is up for vote by the groups
 - Does presentation of clubs on meeting list preserve AA unity?
 - o This is what is up for vote
 - Has this been voted on before?
 - o Yes
 - How do other Intergroups handle the issue of clubhouses being listed on the meeting list?
 - o From what we have heard and researched; it varies. Each Intergroup has its own way of handling this, and their own group conscience.
 - Did you take in to account the statement “ These adventures implanted a deep rooted conviction that under no circumstances could we endorse any related enterprise, no matter how good?”
 - When we list club phone numbers separately aren't we providing a list of phone numbers to a Social Club, not AA as we are supposed to do?
 - o Not just a social club, it is a place where AA meetings are held.
- Amended motion “ The subject of clubhouses staying on the meeting list cannot be changed for 24 months unless there are mitigating circumstances
 - Nancy L is new newsletter chair
 - Motion: We should not display any separate lists of any organization, not part of AA, on our meeting list. This was voted on with 47 keep 7 remove total 54 groups voting
 - Looking for answering service chair

A vote was made and a motion was passed 30-0 on the subject of the meeting list change which may not be brought up again for 24 months.

New Business:

- Literature would like to purchase a new computer.
- Technology would like new server to make all storage of files in one place
- Taxes are being done to be current

Adjournment at: 8:30pm with the *“Declaration of unity”*

Respectfully Submitted- **Secretary: Brielle B Assist. Secretary: Jen G**

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