



### The Sixth Step

*“Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.”*

### The Sixth Tradition

*“An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.”*

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It is important to us alcoholics to trust God, clean house and help another alcoholic. I think that being willing to have my Higher Power help me remove my defects is a giant step. It starts the path to my steps of action, which include cleaning “house” and helping another alcoholic. Ever so gradually will my defects slide into the background, becoming buttons that are rusty, so when pushed are not setting me off in the wrong direction. Service helps a lot with this.

This month we have an article from our Public Information chair as well as some responses to his service with the youth in our area. Not often do we get such responses to our service. Included are some of the letters Paul received. I have left out the students’ names to safeguard their anonymity. Hope you enjoy.

**We are the fellowship and the fellowship needs ‘we’.**

In service, Judy

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#### South Jersey AA Contact information

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“When anyone anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA to be there. For that I am responsible.”

Please see this newsletter, the [aasj.org](http://aasj.org) site, and your local home group for chances to be of service.

## Steering Committee Meeting Highlights

**Answering Svc** Six (7) shifts are still vacant. Two of these are overnight shifts (Fri and Sat). New volunteers are invited to fill the remaining vacancies. We encourage interested AA's to contact us by email (website) or by phone to get the most up-to-date information about open shifts..

With 33 of 56 shifts reporting (40, incl. vacant), our volunteers fielded 284 calls during May, making the average number of calls per reporting shift approx. 9, with a low number of 1 and a high of 20. At present, three (3) shifts are covered by AA groups, as "group commitments".

Still, we have received no additional volunteers for the 12-Step List from the townships of Delran, Cinnaminson, and Moorestown. Please help in getting this "gap" filled!

**Budget and Finance:** Needed: C0-Chair! This is a great way to do service.

**H&I:** Is always looking for volunteers that want to so service. This is a great way to get involved.

**Literature:** The bank statement has been balanced, and documentation filed in the literature filing cabinet. Thank you to Tom B for donating and delivering a new file cabinet for the literature committee. It is greatly appreciated. Robbie T has resigned as co0chair. Joe C has graciously stepped up and is in the process of being trained. The Road Show is looking for more commitments. Have your group contact them to come on out. Volunteers are still needed for literature sales at the intergroup office weekdays 10am-12pm and Mon-Thurs evenings from 6-8pm. I year sobriety is required.

**Newsletter:** Please send articles!!!! We love to hear from you!!!!

**Public Information:** We have completed Gloucester City Jr-Sr High School (1300 Market Street, Gloucester City, NJ 08030) on May 12, 2011 We also went to. Delran High School, 50 Hartford road, Delran, nj 08075 on May 16 & 31. We attended Glen Landing Middle School on May 20 & 27 . Finally, our last school of this calendar year was at Haddon Township High School on June 7. I would like to thank Samantha & Zack for all their help.

Camden County IDRC is starting up this month every Thursday at Starting Point in Westmont. The IDRC programs for Burlington and Gloucester Counties continue to operate smoothly. Thanks to all who volunteer their time.

**Treasurer:** Contributions were down for May, but we are still in the black. Make sure you put your group number on any checks.

**Unity:** The July 4th alkathon will be held at New Beginnings Club in Runnemeade. It will run from 6pm July 3 to 6pm July 4. Please contact the Unity chair if you can speak or help out in any way.

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Please check the [aasj.org](http://aasj.org) website for a complete listing of all service positions available. Your service is important to us all.

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## What Service Means to Me

My name is Paulie and I am a recovered alcoholic. One of my service commitments is being the Chair of the Public Information committee for South Jersey Intergroup.

One of the ongoing service commitments of this committee is to go to area High Schools to speak to the students about alcohol abuse. I try to show them by example, and to tell them how full and wonderful life can be without abusing alcohol. We try to tell them simply about our program and the steps we take to not only remain sober but to lead useful, productive, happy lives. We share our experience, strength and hope by telling the student what we were like, what happened and what we are like now.

After speaking at a High School recently, during health class, the teacher suggested the student write thank you letters to my group for coming to their school. The responses we received were overwhelming! They thanked us for taking the time to come and speak to them, and some even commented they were inspired by our stories, showing them that they can overcome difficult problems in life without alcohol and other substances.

Some said it reconfirmed their ideas about not drinking or using drugs. It feels so good to know that this service can make a difference in a teen's life. To know that your time and effort could possibly help someone makes it all worthwhile. And to think I thought they weren't even listening!

In closing I am grateful that I can do this service. Any type of service is good, but for me this is very rewarding. I have never felt bad after doing service, especially when going to schools. My service is also helping me stay sober one day at a time.

I would also like to thank Samantha, Zack and Becca for their continued service. I feel the message really hits home with these young people sharing in the schools. They are people the students can identify with.

PS Come on out and join us—we would love to have you!

## Fellowship Announcements and Things To Do

**June 10-12** - Akron, Ohio will celebrate Founder's Day with a convention. If you would like to go, we will be taking a bus to Akron. Total cost for bus, room and registration is \$400 + many surprises. For more info call Wayne : 856-534-0104

**Saturday, June 11** - Founder's Day Picnic, Subaru Pavilion at Cooper River Park, N. Park Drive. Cherry Hill, NJ. 12:00 - 5:00 PM. Barbeque & Refreshments. Speaker: Al B. at 2:00 PM.

**Saturday, June 11** - Unity Picnic / Free Workshop hosted by Cape Atlantic intergroup & District 15. Starts:10:00 AM. Stanley "Tip" Seaman County Park, 120 Lakeside Drive (Rt. 9) Tuckerton, NJ

**Thursday, June 16** - Moorestown Men in Action 36th Anniversary.

Food: 7:00 PM. 2 speakers; Location @ 25 Club,60 Rudderow Ave. Maple Shade.

**Thursday, June 16** - Bordentown - Grapevine Anniversary. Food starts at 6:30 followed by great speaker Connie Y/C @ Presbyterian Church 420 Farnsworth Ave. Bordentown City.

**Friday, June 17** - Dance hosted by New Beginnings. 8:00 PM - 12:00 AM. \$10:00 donation includes food. 101c Rose Ave., Runnemede, NJ 08078 (GPS: 1001 Rose Ave.) Info contact: Anna D. 856-981-7021 / Priscilla S. 856-649-6844.

[www.newbeginningsclub.org](http://www.newbeginningsclub.org)

**Monday, June 20** - Williamstown As Bill Sees It will celebrate their anniversary starting at 9:00 AM. First Methodist Church, Main & Church Sts.

**Tuesday, July 12** - Northfield Group 38th Anniversary. 8:30 PM. Northfield Methodist Church, Zion Rd. & Northfield Ave. (1 blk behind TiltonMarket, betwn Rt 9 & ShoreRd) 2 miles East from GSPrkwy Exit 36. Speaker: Paul McQ (Long Beach, NY) Info: Diane- 609-402-1648 **NEW**

**Friday, July 22** - Baseball Game. Phillies vs San Diego Padres. 7:05 PM. Information & tickets call:

Jack W. 856-768-1039 (cell)

**Saturday, July 23** - Back Bay afternoon fishing charter aboard the Duke O' Fluke out of Somers Point, NJ. Sponsored by SJIG Social Committee. 1:00 - 5:00 PM. \$25.00/pp includes rod, tackle, bait & mate's tip. Contact Mike Lore: 856-779-1830 or [mikelore@voicenet.com](mailto:mikelore@voicenet.com)

Directions: <http://www.dukeofluke.com/directions.htm>

**Thursday, July 28** - Swedesboro 23rd anniversary at the Bethesda Methodist Church in Swedesboro. There will be ice cream sundae making at 7:00 and reading and a speaker starting at 7:30.

**Tuesday August 2** - Collingswood "Tuesday Nite Big Book' group is having their 16th anniversary Place:Transfiguration Church White Horse Pike & Magil Ave. Collingswood, NJ

Food at 7:00 PM. Meeting at 8:00 PM

**Saturday, August 13** - Area 45 Inter-Area Corrections & Treatment (CTF) Conference. 8:30 AM. Register. 9AM-1PM. Conference Panels & Speakers. Light Lunch. St Charles Borromeo RC Auditorium (behind church), 176 Stagecoach Rd, Sicklerville, 08081. Info:Ginger 609.970.2170 / Bill T.609.425.4506. ALL INTERESTED AA's WELCOME.

**August 19-21** - (PENNSCYPAA) PA STATE Conference of YP in AA. Doubletree Hotel, 237 So. BroadSt, Philadelphia, Pa 19107. 215-893-1600 \$132/Single&Double \$152/Triple \$172/Quad / Pre-Register \$15 Before July 20<sup>th</sup> / Register @ Door \$25. Registration Chair: Ashley B. [pennscypaa-xxiii.org](http://pennscypaa-xxiii.org) 516.547.3419

**Sunday, August 21** - Area 45 Spring GS Assembly/Com Meeting. Carlslake Comunity Ctr, 209 Crosswicks St, Bordentown, 08505. Register 8:30AM. 9AM New GSR / DCM Orientation.10AM Assembly Mtg. 12:30PM-Lunch. 12:45PM-Workshop 1:30PM Committee Mtg til about 2:30PM. Continental breakfast / lunch served. [www.snjaa.org](http://www.snjaa.org) for directions.

**Saturday, September 10** - Area 45 Grape Fest. Noon 'til 4 pm, Cross Keys United Methodist Church, 1648 N. Main St., Williamstown, NJ 08094. Fun - Food - Fellowship. Come out and discover the History of the Grapevine, How to Use the Grapevine as a 12th Step Tool, and Rewards of Being a Grapevine Rep (GvR).

**Sunday, September 25** - CAIG UNITY Breakfast - Flanders Hotel, 719 E. 11<sup>th</sup> St, Ocean City, NJ. 609.399.1000 NJ 08226 Speaker TBA, Tix: \$23. Must Pre-Register: CAIG / UNITY COM, P.O. Box 905, Pleasantville NJ 08232, 609-641-8855

## Letters from the Students

Dear Paul,

I would like to thank you for your inspiring words. Now I will try to live life the best I can. I owe you, cause I've been down for a long time and now thanks to you I finally can smile happily and live life. You are a great role model and very hyer.

PS I wish a lot of people in the world were like you.

Dear Paul,

Thank you so much for coming to (my school). I appreciate your enthusiasm for life and how blessed you say you are! Congratulations for being sober for four years, it is definitely something to be proud of. You have taught me a lot about life in general, and I know now that I should (be) exceedingly grateful for what I have, because there are always people who have it worse. I hope that things will continue to go very well for you. Thanks again for your time.

Dear Paul,

Thank you for coming into class and talking about yourself and alcoholism. You were so influential to us. You give us the will that anyone can overcome alcoholism and addictions. You are so brave to tell us your story, and you made such an impact (on) us. I really want to thank you for talking to us. Because of you, I know where alcoholics can find help and If you keep to it you can conquer everything. Thank you for everything and I hope that I could have your determination one day. Keep on living, Paul!

Dear Paul,

It was a pleasure to have you in our classroom. Your energy is amazing considering everything you have been through. You are truly a good Christian.

