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# SCAAN

Note new e-mail address below!

*Newsletter of the South Palm Beach County Intergroup Association, Inc.*

## Step Ten

**"Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it."**

Having so considered our day, not omitting to take due note of things well done, and having searched our hearts with neither fear nor favor, we can truly thank God for the blessings we have received and sleep in good conscience.



## Tradition Ten

**"Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy."**

As by some deep instinct, we A.A.'s have known from the very beginning that we must never, no matter what the provocation, publicly take sides in any fight, even a worthy one.

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## Intergroup Hires New Office Manager and Expands Office Hours

### Message from the Chairperson

Hope all weathered Hurricane Frances safe and sound. The Intergroup office did as well as could be expected with mandatory evacuations and power outages for a few days. A big thank you goes out to Pam, our office manager, for making sure the operations continued to function within reason during this difficult period. We also want to wish everyone a speedy recovery from any damages. One of the main residual effects from Hurricane Frances on the Intergroup office is the drop in group contributions and sales of literature. It is very understandable during such time of crisis. Intergroup operates on very thin margins and needs continual stream of funds from contributions and sales to keep its doors open, therefore the hurricane has caused some undue strain on the financials. We just want to remind groups that if you haven't sent in your contributions or purchased literature for your meeting, we are open and here to serve your needs. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

- **Volunteers.**

Want to get involved and do service work, but don't know how? Contact the Intergroup Office at 561-276-4581. The Intergroup Office is in need of volunteers to spend time in the office answering the phones. Call levels are up and we need your help. Service work is one of the three main tenets of the A.A. triangle: Unity, Service and Recovery. The phrase that always resonated with me was, "if I want to keep it I have to give it away." Call Pam in the office to sign up.

- **Groups Passing Second Basket**

Intergroup has struggled for a number of years financially and we are now starting to see the light of hope. We can't do it alone and this is a challenge that is going to take time, hard work and diligence from the Intergroup Office staff, the Intergroup Committees, our A.A. Groups and ultimately our A.A. members.

Some groups have begun passing a second basket at each of their meetings with all contributions going to

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## SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Email us: southcountyyaa@bellsouth.net, also visit [www.aa-palmbeachcounty.org](http://www.aa-palmbeachcounty.org) ~ [www.alcoholics-anonymous.org](http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org) ~ [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)

## JULY 2004 OFFICE ACTIVITY REPORT

### Meeting Inquiries:

Boca	126
Delray/Boynton	122
Lake Worth/Lantana	30
Total Meeting Inquires	278

Intergroup Inquiries: 54

12 Step Requests: 9

Sales: 168

Walk-Ins: 132

Other: (Al-Anon; etc) 105

Total Activity July 746

Winner of email Contest: Al A. – presented with Gift Box (BB & ESH).

### NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:

[southcountyyaa@bellsouth.net](mailto:southcountyyaa@bellsouth.net)

Pamphlets: Description and Prices available from office. On display and separated by:

- Recovery Pamphlets
- AA Group Life
- Unity and Service

The Recovery Pamphlets are especially helpful for groups setting up Newcomer Packets. I have list available here for your review.

September is National Recovery Month – stock up on AAWS pamphlets. 10% Discounts will be given to all groups purchasing over 50 Recovery pamphlets during September.

Anyone interested in starting a Spanish Meeting or helping to start one, please contact Pam at Intergroup. I have 2 contacts looking for support/assistance.

Volunteers are needed at Intergroup! People who are willing to commit at least 2 hours per week are requested to call Pam at the office #276-4581.

Respectfully submitted, Pam T.

## A.A. Announcements

Intergroup Office open Saturdays!  
10:00 to 3:00 for your convenience.

New Email: [southcountyyaa@bellsouth.net](mailto:southcountyyaa@bellsouth.net)

### Where & When Corrections/Additions:

Delray Beach: Wayside House "New Beginning" meeting for women has been changed from Friday to Wednesday at 8 P.M.

Boca Raton: "Break The Chains" @ Solid Rock Christian Church, 189 W. Camino Real, Boca Raton  
Mon - Wed - Fri @ 7:00 AM  
Monday is Open Discussion, Wednesday is Closed Step, Friday is Closed Big Book. Contact person: Darcy Bruce

### ALKA-THON 2004

Each year, South Palm Beach Country Intergroup hosts an ALKA-THON at Central House during the Christmas and New Year Holidays. The meeting schedule will be determined at the Intergroup Meeting - November 17, 2004 - 7:00 pm.

If your group would like to chair a meeting during the ALKA-THON, a representative from your group must attend this meeting. Thirty-eight (38) meeting slots will be assigned by a random drawing.

The ALKA-THON offers a meeting every other hour starting at 12 noon on Christmas Eve through midnight on Christmas Day, then again from 12 noon on New Years Eve through midnight New Years Day.

Come see old friends, meet new ones and bring a dish to share. This is a great way to give back what has been given so freely.

Please attend the November Intergroup Meeting for your group to receive a meeting time slot.

### Events changes

Big Book Ball, scheduled for Saturday, September 18, @ Lake Worth Casino, has been changed to October 9th. FCYPAA, scheduled to be held in Jacksonville this past weekend, has been rescheduled for October 8th, 9th, and 10th. See their website for further information [www.FCYPAA.org](http://www.FCYPAA.org)

### Telephone Relay Committee Wants YOU!

South County Intergroup is looking for one (or two) service oriented individuals to chair the Telephone Relay Committee. The responsibility of making sure our phones are manned after regular office hours is paramount.

Phone the South County Intergroup Office  
561.276.4581 or e-mail [southcountyyaa@bellsouth.net](mailto:southcountyyaa@bellsouth.net)

Hospitals and Institutions Committee needs your old literature...any edition, any condition.

\$\$Donations gladly accepted\$\$

Have your Intergroup Representative bring books/\$\$ to the month-end Intergroup meeting or contact the office.

## INTERGROUP MINUTES, August 25, 2004

**Chairperson: Rick G.** opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Sara read the 12 traditions. Rick announced that the Events Coordinator position was open; Ray was nominated and elected by unanimous vote.

**Office Manager: Pam T.** A contest was held to decide the new email address to be used for the South County Intergroup office. The winner of the contest was Al A. and the new email address is [southcountyyaa@bellsouth.net](mailto:southcountyyaa@bellsouth.net). Pam reported that September is National Recovery Month and the Intergroup office is offering a 10% discount on recovery pamphlets. She also reported that anyone interested in starting a Spanish-speaking meeting should contact her at the office. The Intergroup office still needs volunteers to help out for about 2 hours a week.

**Treasurer: John** reported that 24 groups contributed in July.

**Public Information: Bill J.** said that West Boca Hospital was very excited about hearing from us, and he will be following up with them.

**Gratitude Dinner: Stephan C.** The Gratitude Dinner will be held on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Boca Raton. Planning is well under way and we have only 12 tables left, so contact Stephan at 954-868-7935 if you are interested in attending. The ticket price is \$30 per person. Remember Gratitude is an action word and thank you very much for your support. In Love and Service, Stephan C.

**General Service Liaison: Jim M.** The monthly district meeting was held on August 15th due to the state convention August 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Online registration for the International Convention in Toronto in 2005 should be at [aa.org](http://aa.org) in September. District expenses are way down due to emailing the minutes, which used to go via US mail. The next District business monthly will be Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. The GSR and DCM sharing at 5PM will be combined to go over any Area motions. The next Area quarterly will be October 1<sup>st</sup> through October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Hyatt Sarasota, 1000 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota Bay 800-233-1234 or 941-953-1234. Area officers including Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chair and Treasurer will be elected by 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy procedure Sunday afternoon. All GSRs are eligible to vote for the Officers that will serve the South Florida area for the next 2 years. In Love and Service, Jim Mallon

**Telephone Relay: Susan for Mike B.** reported that East Delray Men's Group will take the phones for September.

**Institutions Committee: Charlie** reported that he received a call regarding the Children's Place, and there are six additional group homes within our area of service. There is a possibility of taking meetings into seven new facilities.

**Group Information Committee:** No report.

**SCAAN: York L.** Email information and suggestions to [ylambrech@aol.com](mailto:ylambrech@aol.com).

**Speaker Exchange: Barbara** reported that there will be a speaker exchange list for women and another for men.

**Where and When and Internet Liaison: Al A.** reported that all information is up to date and new lists have been published.

**Old Business:** No old business to report.

**New Business:** Ray **MADE A MOTION** to establish a committee to select speakers for the 2005 Gratitude Dinner. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Helen from the Women In Recovery group shared that their group conscience agreed to pass a second basket for Intergroup on their Anniversary Night. Helen stated that members have a real sense of gratitude at anniversary meetings and tend to be more generous.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

In Love and Service, **Nancey P.**

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Intergroup. Other groups have begun passing a second basket on anniversary night only. Both are great practices. If your group doesn't feel comfortable passing a second basket at each meeting the anniversary night basket is a great alternative. This is a way for A.A. members to show their gratitude for the program by throwing in an extra dollar (or more) in the basket.

These practices have been hugely successful and we sincerely thank these groups for putting forth the effort. If your group would like to find out more about this practice, please call the Intergroup Office. Additionally, for those groups willing to pass a second basket, Intergroup will be happy to provide you with a free basket that is labeled as contributions for Intergroup if you so wish. The baskets can be picked up at the Intergroup Office or your Intergroup Rep can obtain one at the next Intergroup Meeting.

### • Golf Tournament

Just a reminder that the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Serenity Golf Scramble is coming up on October 10th. This will be a great day of golf, food, fun and fellowship at the Lake Worth Golf Club located directly on the Intracoastal. Sign up soon as the day will be here before we know it. If anyone is interested in volunteering, donating prizes, or sponsoring a hole, you can contact the Intergroup for more information.

Intergroup would like to thank the Boca Men's Central Group for putting on this event which will be a fund raiser for Intergroups prudent reserve fund.

Intergroup exists to help the alcoholic who suffers and to provide services to the groups it represents in South Palm Beach County. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions. Should anyone have any concerns or feedback, please feel free to call the office or email Intergroup at [southcountyyaa@bellsouth.net](mailto:southcountyyaa@bellsouth.net)

In love and service, Rick G.

## Last chance for Serenity Scramble



*Lake Worth Golf Club ~ Sunday, October 10*



*The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Serenity Scramble is for Men & Women members of Alcoholics Anonymous who enjoy golf, fellowship, and love AA! 100% of the proceeds, net of expenses, benefit Intergroup's Prudent Reserve Fund. It is presented by Boca Men's Central with help from members of other groups.*

*The cost is \$75.00 per person (includes golf, cart fees, trophies, prizes, and lunch). An additional voluntary contribution can also be made. Non-golfers can also make donations.*

**Call Intergroup (561-276-4581) to register!  
Pay the day of the Tournament, but phone in reservations**

# Your newly elected South Palm Beach County INTERGROUP COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Chairperson, Rick G.
- Vice-chair, Diane S.
- Treasurer, John S.
- Secretary, Nancey P.
- Office Manager, Pam T.
- Events Chair, Karen C.
- General Service Liaison, Jim M.
- Group Information, Christine H.
- Intergroup Dinner, Stephan C.
- Institutions, Charlie O.
- Public Information, Bill J.
- SCAAN Editor, York L.
- Speaker Exchange, Barbara Mc.
- Special Needs, Jerry W.
- Telephone Relay/12 Step List, *Open*
- Where & When/Internet Liaison, Al A.

## Birthdays Club • Birthdays Club • Birthdays Club • Birthdays Club

If you or your group is celebrating an A.A. anniversary and would like to be added to the list of celebrants, fill out the form below and mail to Intergroup Office. Support your Intergroup with a donation of \$1.00 or more per year to help them help the sick and suffering alcoholics in South Palm Beach County.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ **HELP US**

Home Group \_\_\_\_\_

Sobriety Date \_\_\_\_\_ **HELP OTHERS**

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Clip & mail to Intergroup Office/75 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 208/Delray Beach, FL 33483

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### BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS •••BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

- Al A.**, Boynton Beach Group  
September 9.....**27 years** ♡♠♣♦ ♀♂ ♣♠♣♦ ♀♂ ♣♠♣♦ ♀♂ ♣♠♣♦ ♀♂
- Don C.**, Boynton Beach Group  
September 5.....**23 years** ♡♠♣♦ ♀♂ ♣♠♣♦ ♀♂ ♣♠♣♦ ♀♂ ♣♠♣♦ ♀♂
- Susan S.**, Just for Now Group  
October 22.....**19 years** ♡♠♣♦ ♀♂ ♣♠♣♦ ♀♂ ♣♠♣♦ ♀♂ ♣♠♣♦ ♀♂

**Thank you to the following groups who have volunteered their time for the Telephone Relay:**

August-Sunny Isles, September-East Delray Group, October-Spiritual Awakenings, November-Open

**Will your group do service work? Will you?**

If you or your group would like to volunteer please contact Intergroup Office 561-276-4581, email southcountyaa@bellsouth.com

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Florida Conference of Young People in AA - "FCYPAA" Bid Committee meets every Saturday at 11:00AM @ Delray Tennis Center, 50 NW 1st Ave, Delray Beach.

- Oct 8~ **FCYPAA Rescheduled**
- Oct 10 (originally scheduled for Sept.) Jacksonville, FL  
Information: [www.FCYPAA.org](http://www.FCYPAA.org)
- Oct 9 **Big Book Ball Rescheduled** (originally scheduled for Sept. 18 Lake Worth)

- Oct 10 **Serenity Scramble Golf Outing** Presented by Boca Men's Central For Intergroup Prudent Reserve Fund. Call 561-276-4581 for details

- Oct 10 **District 8** Triangle Club  
5:00~5:30 GSR/DCM Sharing  
5:45~ Business Meeting

- Oct 22- **Fellowship in Action Weekend**
- Oct 24 Holiday Inn Town Center, Boca  
Information: [tomd1994@att.net](mailto:tomd1994@att.net)

- Oct 27 **Institutions Committee**
- Public Information Committee**
- Telephone Relay Committee**  
Central House 6:30~7:00
- Intergroup Meeting**  
Central House 7:00~8:15

- Nov 17 **Intergroup Meeting** (Early due to Thanksgiving)  
Central House 7:00~8:15

- Nov 19 **South County Intergroup**  
Gratitude Dinner  
Embassy Suites Hotel  
Boca Raton

- 2005 **International AA Women's Conf.**
- Feb10- Las Vegas, NV
- Feb13 Information: [www.iaawc.org](http://www.iaawc.org)

- 2005 **International Convention**
- Jun30- Toronto, Canada
- Jul 3 AA 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Information: [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)

## ATTENTION! ALL SOUTH COUNTY HOME GROUPS.....CAN YOU BEAR TO HELP?

In order to raise additional funds for South County Intergroup, we are in need of assistance from every meeting group in the South County area. Please help us by donating \$ 10.00 to purchase a cute, cuddly bear that will be used as centerpieces on each table at this year's Gratitude Dinner on November 19, 2004 at the Embassy Suites Hotel Boca Raton. Each bear will bare the name of the group that paid for it. All bear's will be auctioned off to the highest bidder at the end of the evening. Since there are 53 tables, we are hoping to raise an additional \$ 900 to \$ 1100 dollars. **BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Please see your Intergroup representative for any additional information, or call Stephan C. with any questions about where to send the collection.

Each bear will wear a collar that will say " I was donated by the Group. You could even collect \$ 1.00 a week for 10 weeks and still have time to purchase a bear for our only fundraiser of the year.

So **BEAR** with us, and come to the Intergroup dinner **BEARING** a **BEAR!**

Thanks for your support, your Intergroup representatives

**ATTENTION!**

**SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP  
FINANCIAL REPORT ~ AUGUST 2004, YEAR-TO-DATE**

INCOME	AUGUST	YEAR-TO DATE
BIRTHDAY CLUB	89	462
GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	3,271	20,932
LITERATURE SALES	2,998	26,687
FUND RAISING (OLD TIMERS MEETING)	0	133
FUND RAISING (ALCATHON)	0	856
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 6,358</b>	<b>\$ 49,440</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
ADVERTISING	94	282
BANK SERVICE CHARGE	25	121
ELECTRIC	95	538
EMPLOYEE EXPENSES	2,704	13,306
INSURANCE (LIABILITY)	80	578
INSURANCE (EMPLOYEE HEALTH)	0	4,525
LICENSES & PERMITS	0	61
LITERATURE (BOOKS,CHIPS,MEDALLIONS, ETC)	2,531	18,988
OFFICE EXPENSES	517	1,298
OFFICE REPAIRS	0	444
PRINTING (SCAAN / WHERE & WHEN)	131	1,959
RENT	588	4,704
TELEPHONE (OFFICE & CELL)	251	1,618
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$7,016</b>	<b>\$48,289</b>
<b>AUGUST LOSS</b>		
<b>INCOME MINUS EXPENSES</b>	<b>(\$ 658)</b>	
<b>PRUDENT RESERVE BALANCE 8/31/04</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>	
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE 8/31/04</b>	<b>\$ 4,816</b>	

<b>GRATITUDE DINNER</b>	
BALANCE 8/31/04	\$ 6,495
<b>GOLF TOURNAMENT</b>	
BALANCE 8/31/04	\$ 2,468

<b>HOSPITAL &amp; INSTUTIONS</b>	
BALANCE 7/31/04	\$ (76.25)
GROUP DONATIONS	492.60
INTERGROUP DONATION	100.00
EXPENSES	551.70
BALANCE 8/31/04	\$(35.35)
<b>THANK YOU FOR ALL DONATIONS</b>	

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**OFFICE HOURS ~ MONDAY ~ FRIDAY 9am to 5pm ~ SATURDAY 10am to 3pm**

## SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP ~ 2004 GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

	AUG	YTD		AUG	YTD		AUG	YTD
<b>BOCA RATON</b>			Wed Night Beginners		0	Depression & The Alcoholic		0
Happy Hour		400	We're Just Beginners		0	Double Digit Gang		150
Journey to Freedom		50	Just Do It		167	Young At Heart		200
Saturday with Bill W		100	Mon Night Step & Tradition		0	<b>DELRAY BEACH</b>		
Boca Friendly	500	500	First Things First		0	Central House		617
N Boca Step & Tradition		200	Last Chance Candlelight		0	Young People w/Solution		0
Sat Night Live @ Five		312	Sober Friday Night		0	Westside Delray		394
Prime Time Sunset Step		0	Spiritual Candlelight		0	Beach Meeting (Tues)		0
Women Living Sober		0	West Boca Serenity		0	Delray Step & Tradition	83	314
Keep It Simple		0	<b>WEST BOCA RATON</b>			Wine Into Water		260
We agnostics	15	65	West Boca Beginners		50	Monday Night Miracles		0
Women's BB Study		0	Boca Boyz		0	New Beginning		0
Spiritual Awakening		43	Sunday Night Speaker	100	175	Five Time Losers		175
Sobriety On Sunday		779	9 <sup>th</sup> Chapter		0	One Paragraph At A Time		0
Boca AA Study		50	Friendship Group		100	Oceanside Step		94
Lets Do Lunch		0	<b>BOYNTON BEACH</b>			Sunday Night Men's		0
Lunch Bunch	120	1,035	Boynton Beach Group		697	Open Your Heart		0
Today Not Tomorrow		100	Downtown Group		50	Delray Recovery - DAF	45	45
Women In Recovery	60	460	Sat Boynton Beach BBSS		0	Language Of The Heart	180	473
Step Into The Solution		0	North Delray Step		0	Bridge Back To Life		0
Big Book Adventure	142	642	Boynton Beach Men's		400	<b>LAKE WORTH</b>		
B.A.S.I.C.S.		0	Friday Night Special		105	Wednesday Nite Women's		0
By The Book		0	Saturday Evening Post		0	Saturday Sobriety		20
Men On-Track	400	850	West Boynton		0	<b>LANTANA</b>		
Men's Boca Central		200	Neighborhood		0	Sunny Isles		732
Inner Voice Candlelight		0	Re-Entry Group	40	121	Grapevine Group		0
Easy Does It	100	391	KISS Group		0	Lake Worth Serenity		0
Road To Recovery		100	We Are Not Saints		213	Recovery First		0
Boca Men's / St Gregory	40	40	Experience, Strength, Hope		0	Lantana Group, Monday		0
Boca Men's Recovery		0	Line By Line		0	Lantana Group, Thurs		0
Boca Women's	2	2	Safe Harbor		50	Serenity On The Beach		0
We Believers	35	177	<b>DELRAY BEACH</b>			Cardinal Lane		49
Just For Now	300	1,105	Sunrise(at the Beach)7am	253	548	Women's 4 <sup>th</sup> Dimension		0
Steps & Traditions		0	Beach At Atlantic 7am		800	<b>ANONYMOUS</b>		70
123 Step Group		600	<b>CROSSROADS CLUB</b>			INTERGROUP 7 TRADIT	29	347
<b>BOCA PINES CLUB</b>			One Day At A Time		636	FCYPAA	50	50
Sobriety For Breakfast	42	75	Sober Solutions		0	<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$2,955</b>	<b>\$21,388</b>
Sunday Serenity		0	Big Book Study		0			
Morning Medicine		210	Living Sober Women		254			
Saturday Beginners		376	Downtown Delray 10am	77	87			
Sunday Morning Spiritual		0	Serenity On Saturday		42			
12 O'clock High		50	Midday Miracles		1,203			
Something Old, New...		0	Serenity Hour	178	1,644			
Living Sober		0	Women's Step By Step		130			
Sober Sunset		0	East Delray Men's		130			
Peace Of Mind		100	Second Chance Women's		118			
Step & Tradition		0	Thank God Its Friday		100			
Romance & Finance		225	4 <sup>th</sup> Step Workshop		0			
Singleness of Purpose		0	Sobriety In The Wind	164	341			
Primary Purpose		0						

**ATTENTION ALL GROUPS – Please check your group contributions and if you have any questions please call or email Intergroup and Pam will help you.  
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