



Serving AA Groups in Boca Raton, Boynton Beach,
Delray Beach and Lantana

Are you a One, Two, or Three Legacy Group?

Several points were made at a Treatment and Institution workshop at the 52nd annual Florida State Convention on August 16th that have relevance to groups in South County.

The speaker, Tom I. (who has 4+ decades of experience working with Corrections and Institutions), talked about the fact that any individual who is in a correction facility or treatment center is in fact in "captivity." They are forced to participate in AA. Even an individual who is ordered to have their slip signed to prove attendance at meetings is to some extent in captivity.

How individual AAs and groups relate to folks in captivity is something to consider. Do we treat them as a fellow suffering AA, sharing the fact that there is a way out, or do we consider them "less than" us? Do we only discuss recovery, or do we discuss our Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service? Do we discuss our Traditions, and gently advise them if they don't have any problem with alcohol, but were simply told to go to AA by their treatment center, that there are other solutions that will work better? When we sign a "slip," have we moved from being one Alcoholic talking to another to actually participating in becoming a "checker while also breaking our own anonymity to the probation office?"

He also spoke of the growth of treatment centers over the past several decades, and the impact they have on the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Tom I. said there is a direct correlation in the growth of AA meetings and the opening of a treatment facility / facilities in an area – something we can truly relate to in SPBC.

Unfortunately, according to Tom I., many newly started groups are simply run like "aftercare" meetings, focusing only on the problem.

He said that new groups even give in to the chanting and applause started in treatment centers. Even some of the older groups lose their AA focus over time with the onslaught of new members from treatment facilities that are unaware of the Traditions and Concepts.

Tom I said that "if a Group only focuses on the one dimension of recovery, then they are doing themselves and new prospective members a serious disservice." Groups should take a close look at whether they follow the Three Legacies Bill W. passed on to AA and the groups in 1955 when he "let go" of running AA. The Three Legacies are: 1. Recovery (The 12 Steps); 2. Unity (The 12 Traditions); and 3. Service (The 12 Concepts) which are found in the Circle / Triangle symbol.

Tom I. stated that "you don't treat a self-centered disease with focus only on self. A group that is only focusing on recovery, ignoring our Three Legacies, is not a very strong group." The group does a disservice to its members and to new prospective members. Many groups open discussion to problems other than alcohol, and focus only on the problem (on self) to such an extent that they become non AA groups.

It might be a good time to take a group inventory, at the end of the year, and see how the group can a) move toward becoming a Three Legacy Group; b) do a better job of welcoming and educating individuals coming in from treatment centers and correctional facilities; and, c) taking a realistic look at how the group can get back on the AA beam if it has fallen off. A useful World Service's Pamphlet is "The AA Group - Where It All Begins," available at your Intergroup office. The Traditions Checklist, can be secured at www.aagrapevine.org/stepsTradts/checklist.php or at your Intergroup office.

It Happened in October!

In South Palm Beach County – The first annual Serenity Scramble was held at Lake Worth Golf Club in October, 2004. Based on its success, it became an annual event of fellowship, fun, and fund-raising for Intergroup. This year's Serenity Scramble is scheduled for October 12.

Pre AA/Early AA - Bill W. made many promises to stop drinking, like many alcoholics. In October 20, 1928, he signed a pledge in the family Bible: "To my beloved wife who has endured so much, let this stand as evidence to you that I have finished with drink forever (AA Timeline: www.silkworth.net)."

Black Tuesday, the stock market collapse, occurred on October 29, 1928. Bill W. was broke, and \$60,000 in debt (\$645,000 in today's dollars). – ("Pass It On," p. 89).

October, 1938, was Bill W's recollection of the first use of the term Alcoholics Anonymous ("AA Comes of Age," p. 165).

In October, 1940, Bill W. met with Curtis Bok, one of the owners of the Saturday Evening Post (3 million circulation at that time). Later that year, Jack Alexander was assigned to do a story on AA which would be published in March, 1941 (AA Timeline: www.silkworth.net).

With the help of San Francisco, CA members, and Warden Clinton T Duffy, the first AA prison group was established in a maximum-security prison at San Quentin Penitentiary in October, 1942 (AA Timeline: www.silkworth.net).

The American Public Health Association presented the prestigious Lasker Award to AA on October 30, 1951. Originally, the award was to be for Bill W. but he asked that it be given to the Fellowship. The award was accepted, but not the \$1,000 cash grant (Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, viii).

The Step, The Tradition, & The Concept

Step 10: "Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it."

Tradition 10: "Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy."

Concept 10: "Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined."



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We Who Are Next In Line

I am a 22 year old alcoholic. After several years of hard drinking, I was dying of alcoholism. I'm still sober 3 years later. Because of my recovery . . . this has given me the opportunity to attend AA meetings in different states and other nations, and I have noticed something interesting . . . When a meeting allows people to talk about drug addiction, it usually allows them to talk about everything else under the sun . . . In these meetings that have little regard for AA Traditions, there seems to be more people who go back to drinking.

On the other side . . . meetings that insist on discussing subjects related to recovery from alcoholism only – and stand by it – are often meetings that make sure a new person is welcomed . . . that make their visitors feel like they've come home. These meetings produce a different result. The old-timers are there, and they have a respected voice. . . they have more solutions and talk less about problems . . . and more people who stay recovered and less who go back to drinking again.

Bill W. was right: AA cannot fix the world. AA's Twelve Steps and Traditions can be applied universally to everyone's benefit, but AA itself must forever remain by and for alcoholics. To mix up our primary purpose – freedom from alcohol – with drug addiction and overeating and other destructive dependencies erodes the unity that binds us together . . . It's not a matter of exclusivity, it's a matter of the survival of AA's very existence . . .

One day, it will be left to the young people now in our Fellowship to carry on the original spirit and traditions of AA . . . to teach the . . . type of sobriety that achieves the promises of the Big Book and dispels some of the fables of recovery popular today.

Today, young people are learning from the last generation of AAs who got the message straight from the original old-timers. We must be diligent in preserving the AA way of life though our actions and our participation at meetings amid an ever growing attitude of "I come first" rather than "sobriety comes first."

Old-timers, there are still some of us who desperately need you and value what you have to say. Young people, it's our responsibility to follow in their footsteps.

Jennifer C. - September, 1994 Grapevine – with permission

New Where & Whens

New Where & Whens became available on September 24 at the Intergroup business meeting, and many Reps picked up copies for their groups. They contain the latest information, as of September 15, for all groups in South Palm Beach County including new groups and new times, locations, or format changes for existing groups. Group information is updated monthly at www.aainplambeach.org. Printed Where and Whens are updated quarterly.

5th Annual Serenity Scramble October 12, 2008



Registration Deadline is Saturday, October 4th, Go to www.aainpalmbeach.org for a registration form, or call Intergroup at 561.276.4581 to register. Cost is \$90.

Location: Lake Worth Golf Club, One 7th Avenue North, Lake Worth Florida 33460.

When: Sunday, October 12, 2008 - 8:00 a.m. Shotgun start.

Get Involved: Your Group still has time to sponsor a golf hole, for a minimum \$100 contribution. Individuals can also Sponsor a hole. 100% of the proceeds go to SPBC Intergroup. Groups and individuals can also donate prizes which are still needed.

Contact Rick G @ 954.675.1948.

Gratitude Dinner Sold Out!

For the first time in its 20 year history, the Intergroup Gratitude Dinner sold out of tickets at the August 27 Business Meeting. "We were simply amazed at the response," said Ray D., Intergroup Vice-Chairperson.

Steps were taken to increase the number of tables to the maximum, and every effort has been made to accommodate as many individuals as possible. "Of course, the dream of every Intergroup fundraiser is for a sell out and we are grateful for that," Ray said. "But we will have to take steps to increase the available seating for the 21st Annual Gratitude Dinner in October, 2009." This will include looking at another venue with greater seating capacity and other options.

There has been an explosive growth of AA Groups in South Palm Beach County over the past four years. In 2005, an average of about 35 to 45 Reps attended the Intergroup Business Meetings, according to Pam T, Intergroup Office Manager. In September, 2008, over 70 groups were present at the Intergroup business meeting, she reported.

"This growth creates new issues and opportunities for Intergroup in serving and supporting our growing AA community," said Ed T., SPBC Intergroup's Treasurer. Fortunately, there is a significant cadre of AA volunteers and Groups in South County who are willing to step up to the plate to support our growing requirements.

The Tenth Step Promises

" . . . And we have ceased fighting anything or anyone – even alcohol. For by this time sanity will have returned. We will seldom be interested in liquor. If tempted, we will recoil from it as from a hot flame. We react sanely and normally, and we will find that this has happened automatically. We will see that our new attitude toward liquor has been given us without any thought or effort on our part. It just comes! That is the miracle of it. We are not fighting it, neither are we avoiding temptation. We feel as though we had been placed in a position of neutrality – safe and protected. We have not even sworn off. Instead, the problem has been removed. It does not exist for us. We are neither cocky nor are we afraid. That is our experience. That is how we react as long as we keep in fit spiritual condition."

Alcoholics Anonymous (pp. 84-85)

Tradition Ten Checklist

Tradition Ten: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

1. Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? AI-Anon? Alateen?
2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the "AA opinion"?
3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
4. Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?
5. What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
6. Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?
7. How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. You can get a copy of the Traditions Checklist at your Intergroup office, or at www.aagrapevine.org/stepsTrads/checklist.php.

SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP • 2008 GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

(This report represents Contributions through AUGUST 2008)

	Aug	YTD		Aug	YTD		Aug	YTD
BOCA RATON - EAST			BOCA PINES (Cont.)			CROSSROADS (Cont.)		
1-2-3 Step	0	0	Sunday Serenity Group	0	25	Living Sober Women	0	150
All Aboard	0	208	Wed. Night Beginners	0	0	Midday Miracles	0	1,150
Boca BBSS Group	0	0	We're Just Beginners	0	0	One Day At A Time	0	2,594
Boca Friendly	0	0	West Boca Ask It Basket	0	0	Second Chance Women	0	0
Boca Men's Recovery	0	75	West Boca Serenity	0	0	Serenity Hour	480	1,980
Boca Men's	0	800	BOCA RATON - WEST			Serenity On Saturday	0	0
Boca Speaker Group	0	30	9th Chapter Group	0	0	Sobriety In The Wind	0	438
Boca Women's Group	0	138	Boca Boyz	29	433	Take The AA Train	0	60
Derailroaded Group	0	0	Friendship Group	0	400	TGIF	0	200
Easy Does It	0	0	Sunday Night Speaker	250	450	Young At Heart	0	100
Grub & Gratitude	0	0	West Boca Big Book Grp	0	0	Women's Step By Step	0	22
Inner Voice Candlelight	0	250	West Boca Jaywalkers	0	100	LAKE WORTH / LANTANA		
Inside Out Group	0	0	BOYNTON BEACH			11th Step Group	0	0
Journey to Freedom	0	438	Boynton Beach Beginners	0	50	Cardinal Lane	0	0
Just For Now	150	866	Boynton Beach Group	523	1,013	Lake Worth Serenity	0	0
Living In Sobriety	0	264	Boynton Beach Men's	0	400	Lake Worth Tues Nite BBSS	0	0
Men's Boca Central	0	360	Boynton Boat Ramp Group	0	0	Lantana Group	15	52
Men On-Track	0	1,602	Delray Thurs BBSS Grp	0	0	Right to Sobriety	0	0
New Beginning Women BB	0	0	Downtown Boynton Group	0	299	Serenity On The Beach	0	320
N Boca Steps & Traditions	0	315	Eastside Womens Group	0	150	Sunny Isles	0	1,050
Road To Recovery	0	0	Experience, Strength & Hope	0	0	Women's Fourth Dimension	0	0
Saturday Night Live @ Five	0	282	Friday Night Special	0	0	Total Group Contributions	3472	37,809
Sober Sisters	40	501	Just Before Dawn Group	0	100	OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS		
Step Aboard All Traditions	0	0	KISS Group	0	0	Alcathon	0	1,066
Saturday with Bill W	0	0	New Life Group	150	1,075	Birthday Club	151	718
Steps&Traditions (St.Joan)	0	0	People With Time	0	0	Florida Round-up	0	506
We Agnostics	15	45	Principles in Practice	0	0	IntergrpSpecial Events	0	130
We Believers	0	112	Re-Entry Group	0	0	Intergroup Meeting	63	386
Women Living Sober	0	100	Safe Harbor	0	100	Movie Night/Journey to Freedom	0	308
BOCA - LIONS CLUB			Saturday Evening Post	0	0	Personal/ Anonymous	0	210
Big Book Adventure	0	0	We are Not Saints	0	273	Total Contributions	\$3,686	\$41,133
Boca Study Group	0	0	West Boynton Group	0	1,125			
Happy Hour	0	225	DELRAY BEACH			H&I Liability Acct.	Aug	YTD
Let's Do Lunch	35	259				Balance Forward	0	3,098.01
Lunch Bunch	165	854	Beach Meeting	0	0	Lunch Bunch, Boca	33.00	3,131.00
SOS	0	435	Central House	0	800	Sunny Isles, Lantana	152.00	3,283.00
Spiritual Awakenings	53	832	Five Time Losers	0	375	We Believers, Boca	40.50	3,323.50
Step Into The Solution	0	0	Friday Night Lights	0	0	August Book Purchases	-305.20	-305.20
To Thine Own Self Be True	0	757	New Beginnings	20	178	H&I Balance August 31, 2008		\$3,018.30
Today Not Tomorrow	136	186	North Delray Steps & Trad	0	707			
Women In Recovery	0	250	One Page at a Time	0	112			
BOCA PINES CLUB			Open Your Heart	0	124			
12 O'Clock High	310	1,520	Page 112@12	0	0			
Hardcore Sobriety	0	0	Pool Side	0	0			
Just Do It	0	0	Sunday Men's Roving BB	0	100			
Living Sober Group	0	0	Sunrise Beach Mtg	0	1,950			
Morning Medicine	216	1,638	Welcome Home in Delray	0	0			
Page 83 Group	0	0	Westside Group	0	505			
Peace of Mind	50	50	Wine Into Water	0	300			
Primary Purpose	0	0	Womens BBSS	0	161			
Romance & Finance	0	334	Young People w/ Solution	0	162			
Saturday Beginners	100	800	CROSSROADS					
Saturday Nite Dbl Speaker	0	215	AA Oldtimers	0	205			
Singleness of Purpose	0	50	Divas at 8:30 AM	48	129			
Sober Fri Night	0	0	Depression and the Alcoholic	0	80			
Sober Sunset Group	0	600	Double Digit Gang	0	123			
Sobriety For Breakfast	18	183	Downtown Delray Group	489	1,047			
Steps & Traditions, Mon.	0	0	East Delray Men's Group	90	648			
Steps on Saturday	0	0	Language Of The Heart	0	0			
Sunday Morning Spiritual	90	420	Last Call Group	0	0			

"To be self supporting through my own contributions was never a strong characteristic during my days as a practicing alcoholic. The giving of time or money always demanded a price tag. As a newcomer I was told 'we have to give it away in order to keep it.' As I began to adopt the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous in my life, I soon found it was a privilege to give to the Fellowship as an expression of the gratitude I felt in my heart ." (page 217, Daily Reflections)

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

INCOME:	August 2008	Year to Date
Group Contributions	\$3,472	\$37,809
Personal Contributions	-	\$210
Intergroup 7 th Tradition	\$63	\$386
FL Round Up 7 th Tradition	-	\$506
Fund Raising Income:		
Alcathon	-	\$1,066
Birthday Club	\$151	\$718
Intergroup Special Events	-	\$130
Journey To Freedom	-	\$308
Total Contributions	\$3,686	\$41,133
SALES:		
AAWS Literature	\$4,194	\$29,265
AA Grapevine Literature	\$593	\$3,083
Chips & Medallions	\$1,117	\$9,142
Other Literature	\$777	\$6,270
Gift Items	\$695	\$6,702
Where & Whens	\$217	\$2,374
Total Sales	\$7,593	\$56,836
TOTAL INCOME:	\$11,279	\$97,969
EXPENSES:		
Cost of Goods Sold	\$4,993	\$37,857
Special Events Expenses	-	\$181
GSO Contribution	-	\$100
Office Expenses	\$2,703	\$21,956
Payroll, Tax & Insurance	\$4,941	\$34,452
SCAAN Printing Cost	-	\$3,512
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$12,637	\$98,058
NET INCOME	(\$1,358)	(\$89)

Accounts & Balances

Operating Account	\$4,809.95.
Reserve Account (see below)	\$32,980.34
Petty Cash	\$150.00
TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS	\$37,940.29

Intergroup Gratitude Dinner

Income (In Reserve Acct.)	\$15,240.00
Expenses June 2008	
Deposit to Embassy Suites	(\$3,307.50)
Balance at 8/31/2008	\$11,932.50

Serenity Scramble 2008

Income (In Reserve Acct.)	\$2,310.00
Expenses in July 2008	
Print Flyers	(\$123.54)
Balance at 8/31/2008	\$2,186.46

Holiday Open House

Saturday, November 8

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Join your fellow AAs in South County at an Intergroup Open House on Saturday, November 8, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Snacks will be served, and the office will be chock full of both new and favorite selling gift items for the holiday! There will also be special sale items to take advantage of. We're also loaded up on all literature, DVDs, CDs and special medallions.

View our new gift merchandise, including incredible archival cards from the Archival collection of Searcy W., who was a friend of Bill W's and Ebby T's last sponsor. Searcy passed away at 93 years of age with 57 years of sobriety, and passed his archival collection on to Willie K., his niece. These cards make great gifts, and are suitable for framing.

Five Will Win Very Special Prizes!

Everyone who makes a purchase on November 8th will be entered into a sweepstakes to win some very special plant clippings. *These clippings have been making their way around AA since November 1950, and come from a plant that was in Dr. Bob's hospital room at City Hospital in Akron, Ohio where Dr. Bob passed away on November 16th, 1950.*

Dr. Bob was the co-founder of AA, along with Bill W. His sobriety date of June 11, 1935 marks the founding of AA. Over his 15 years of sobriety, Dr. Bob helped more than 5,000 alcoholics (AA Comes of Age, pages 7 & 9). In his eulogy, Bill W. described Dr. Bob as "*the prince of the Twelfth Steppers.*" He was buried in Mount Peace Cemetery beside his wife, Anne.

The instructions for the care of these clippings, which come from a 58 year old plant, are profound and state:

- ✓ **Root It**
- ✓ **Plant It**
- ✓ **Water It**
- ✓ **Feed It**
- ✓ **... and, Pass It On!**

We look forward to seeing you at the Holiday Open House! Of course, if you can't make it on November 8, come by any time. We're open from 9-5 Monday through Friday, and from 10-3 on Saturdays.

How Much to contribute to Intergroup & when?

Suggested guidelines are presented in "*Self Support: Where Money & Spirituality Mix,*" and reprinted with permission from AA World Services Inc.

"To help support AA's essential services, the General Service Conference suggests, that individual groups through an informed group conscience, 'adopt a specific contribution plan tailor made to meet the group's financial situation. Once the basic group's expenses have been taken care of (rent, refreshments, AA literature, local meeting lists), and a 'prudent reserve' has been set aside to cover any emergency contingencies that might arise, the group may decide to further carry the message by sending money to the following AA service entities. Here is an example of Group Contributions to AA service entities:"

- **50% to Intergroup**
- **30% to General Service**
- **10% to the Area**
- **10% to the District.**

These are only guidelines. Some groups choose to give more . . . or less to Intergroup.

When should we contribute?

Some groups prefer to contribute every month, since Intergroup has monthly expenses to pay. Other groups prefer a quarterly system. In general, a monthly contribution system seems to be the most popular and responsible method. It is again a matter of group conscience.

What if my group doesn't have a lot of money?

In the spirit of participation, no contribution toward carrying the message can be too small. Bill W. spoke about our "collective obligation" to support AA services, and if everyone waited until they had a "sizeable amount, it's more than likely that AA's bills would go unpaid."

Intergroup Minutes – August 27, 2008

Chairperson: Al A. opened meeting with moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. He announced that Gratitude Dinner Chair John S. would call numbers drawn by Intergroup Rep's. for table purchase incrementally. Al announced that there will be no Intergroup meeting in December given the holiday schedule, and the Dec./Jan. issues of the SCAAN will be combined.

Welcome New Group Rep's: Jordon R. – **Young at Heart**; Debbie D. (Alt.) – **Saturday Night Double Speaker**; Valerie B. – **12 O'Clock High**; Kelly L. – **2nd Chance Women's**; Dana D. – **Divas**; John L. – **Principles in Practice**; Meredith G. – **Young at Heart**; Pam B. (Alt.) – **Boynton Beach Group**; Wayne M. – **Boca Men's**; Feliz H. – **Sober Sisters**.

Vice Chair: Ray D. requested Intergroup Rep's. help create awareness of the 5th Annual Serenity Scramble Oct. 12 by continual announcing the event. Hole sponsorships (suggested donation \$100), and prize donations of gift cards or new items are needed. Oct. 4 is the registration deadline. On a separate note, Alcathon times will be drawn by lottery at next month's Intergroup meeting.

Treasurer: Ed T. announced that July group contributions were \$4,463 (\$34,322 YTD); total contributions \$4,571 (\$37,484 YTD); total sales \$7,121 (\$49,242 YTD); and total income \$11,692 (\$86,726 YTD). Net income is a loss \$1,187 (profit of \$756 YTD), but this soon to be remedied by Serenity Scramble and Gratitude Dinner participation.

Office Manager: Pam T. Please see SCAAN for report.

Archives: Pam T. reported that she had met with Sherman A., Archives Chair for District 8. Photocopies of original group information sheets (20 years old plus) are available by request. Pam reminded Intergroup Rep's. to please complete group history sheets online or, preferably, submit handwritten versions by mail to her attention.

Bridge the Gap: Tyler F. Absent.

General Service: John E. conveyed District 8 Registrar Dorothy T.'s definition of the Regional Directory as "a listing of groups in the area of people in groups who are willing to be listed." If update sheets did not get to her, they did not reach GSO for revisions in the directory. John also noted that (1) some District 8 trusted servants were dismissed for repeated absences; (2) an ad hoc committee is exploring the possibility of moving the District 8 monthly meeting between Okeechobee Blvd and Boynton Beach Blvd, close to either I-95 or the Turnpike; and (3) an amended motion for the new sub-districting plan was passed, with changes to the boundaries of SD1 and SD2, effective January 1, 2009. John will hand out maps at the next Business Meeting.

Group Information: Pat C. reported group information sheets for 40 groups need to be collected, 21 of which are at Boca Pines. Most of the remaining ones are in Boca and 5 are women's groups. Please see Pat for groups on the list, and please submit forms if you haven't already.

Hospitals & Institutions: Ken F. reported that he met with Jay M. and is collecting his materials. Ken also met with Vice Chair Ray D.; Ray D. and others will assist in assembling materials for distribution. Ken announced the election of John L. as H&I Committee Secretary and that Susan will take over as H&I facility coordinator for the Orchid. Ken noted that goals have been established and H&I will aim to make as much progress as possible. To avoid limited space and distraction, future monthly H&I meetings will be held the 3rd Sat. at 2:00 pm at the Intergroup office. Ken acknowledged the past breakdown in communication between chair people and facility coordinators, all of whom must now attend monthly H&I meetings (will be replaced if 3 consecutive meetings are missed.)

Public Information: Bill J. stated that he met with the previous PI Chair and retrieved materials. Bill expressed a desire to review Big Book distribution in the interest of sending letters to professionals; Pam provided a reminder about the online AA guidelines for letters and a brief history of distribution to professionals. Pat C. volunteered to assist Bill with his efforts; feedback can be provided to Bill at wieffersjr@gmail.com or 561-304-3400. Bill agreed to be available 15 minutes prior to the monthly Intergroup meeting for anyone interested in PI.

SCAAN: Lucas P. C. reported there is a new logo for the SCAAN, to be featured in the next edition. The SCAAN Committee includes Barry (communications), Joe P. (template) and Ray D. (editor). Lucas requested interested Intergroup Rep's. email one sentence about what they're grateful for to lucasconnolly@yahoo.com (with Gratitude in Subject line) by October 3 for consideration in the Nov. SCAAN. Pam T. agreed to email reminder to Intergroup Rep's.

Intergroup Minutes (continued)

Special Events: Rob A. will meet with past chair Lucas C. and will look to schedule events after the first of the year.

Telephone Relay: Marielle H. has been in contact with past chair Tyler F., will meet with Pam later in the week, and is working on a hurricane plan. Marielle acknowledged some recent trouble with 12 Step calls and asked Intergroup Rep's. to remind relay volunteers to NOT give out AA 12 Stepper's phone numbers and to answer all 12 Step calls by reaching a 12 Stepper directly, and not stopping with voice mail messages. It was clarified that the 12 Step list is updated every 3 months currently by Intergroup volunteers. Marielle volunteered to call numbers directly to determine validity. Suggestions made to highlight relay phone names and groups in the SCAAN and also to encourage relay phone volunteers to approach available 12 Steppers in their direct support circles. The relay phone is scheduled through December with groups published now published in each SCAAN going forward.

Where and When: Joe P. announced that he had met with Pam and requested that group changes and additions be submitted to the Intergroup office prior to September 15.

Old Business: None.

New Business: During the meeting, all but the two Gratitude Dinner tables reserved for single seat ticket purchase were distributed before 5 groups had the opportunity to purchase a table. It was agreed that the remaining two tables would be used for group purchase and 3 tables would be added to the floor plan.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm with the Lord's Prayer.
In Love and Service, Liz S.

Office Manager Report – August 27, 2008

First I want to welcome any new Group Reps, and remind you that if you haven't filled out a New Group Rep form, please do so before you leave tonight and return it to me or one of my volunteers. I have prepared a New Group Rep package, and would really appreciate knowing if this is of assistance to you and your Group. Also, if you or anyone here is not receiving my emails, and would like to receive updates and reminders from Intergroup; please email me at: southcountyaa@bellsouth.net. Always reference Intergroup business or your group name on the subject line. I delete at least 100 emails every week due to the "unknown" subject – or weird subjects.

Our new Officers held their first Steering Committee meeting on August 9th, and I am excited to work with these Trusted Servants and grateful for their love and service to A.A. and our Intergroup. We plan to have a Holiday Store and Open House in November, and will need volunteers to set up, clean up, and assist with sales that day. This is a fun day – we'll serve a light buffet and have special gifts you can purchase for your holiday shopping list. Any interested people may contact me at the office.

A New Group not listed in W&W or the SCAAN is: Grub & Gratitude – and they meet in the Taverna Kalamata Restaurant in East Boca on Wednesdays at 12 Noon to 1:15pm. This is an Open Speaker meeting. If I understand correctly, if you arrive at Noon you may order lunch and it will be served before the speaker begins at 12:15. Now there's a good idea! The Office Activity log for July was:

Office Activity Type	Total	Avg./Day
Calls into Office	422	15.63
Call to Relay Phone*	380	12.26
Visitors to Intergroup	440	16.30
July Sales	306	
12 Step Referrals	14	—
1 st Calls to AA**	17	—
TOT JULY ACTIVITY	1,579	

*Nights & Weekends **Office Volunteers

The office volunteer staff is quite strong right now, but I could use additional help on Monday and Friday afternoons. Shifts are 4 hours each and I like to have 2 volunteers for each shift.

Without our Office volunteer staff, we could not provide adequate service to the local fellowship. I am so very grateful to our Office volunteers: Shifts covered by: Rich W, John E., Barri W., Dorothy, Sandy B., Ira, Petti, Arlene, Michael, Margie, Pat, Ellen, Peggy, June, Jonathan, Bill, Gary, Janice and Dan. Also have several newcomers who are willing to come in and count, clean, and keep us on our toes.

Respectfully submitted in love and service,
Pam T.

Upcoming Events

South Palm Beach County Intergroup

- Oct. 12 5th Annual Serenity Scramble**, sponsored by your SPBC Intergroup Assn. Lake Worth Golf Club. See page 2 for details. \$90/ person includes golf, cart, prizes, lunch and unlimited fellowship. Registration deadline is Saturday, October 4th.
- Nov. 8 Intergroup Open House** – 10-2 p.m. – Snacks served, stocked for the holidays (see pg. 4 for details).
- Nov. 21 20th Annual Intergroup Gratitude Dinner** for SPBC Intergroup. Embassy Suites Hotel, Boca Raton. Sold out.
- Dec. 24-25 South Palm Beach County Alcathon** - Sponsored by Intergroup & hosted by Delray Central House. Schedule will be in next SCAAN.
- Dec. 31-Jan 1 South Palm Beach County Alcathon** - Sponsored by Intergroup & hosted by Delray Central House. Schedule will be in next SCAAN.

SPBC Intergroup Business Meetings

SPBC Intergroup Business Meetings @ 7 p.m. last Wed. of each month – Delray Central House: Sept 24th (secure time slots for Alcathon via lottery); Oct. 29th; Nov. 26th; *no Dec. meeting* (see minutes); Jan. 28th.

SPBC H&I Committee Meetings @ 2:00 p.m. third Saturday of each month at the Intergroup Office: Sept. 20th; Oct. 18th; Nov. 15th

SPBC Intergroup Steering Committee meets @ 12:30 p.m. the second Sat. of each month at the Intergroup Office: Oct. 11th; Nov. 1st (moved due to Holiday Open House); Dec. 13th.

District 8 General Service Business Meetings

District 8 General Service meets at the Triangle Club, West Palm Beach. GSR / DCM sharing @ 5 p.m. and District Business meetings @ 5:45 p.m. on Sundays: Oct. 12th; Nov. 9th; Dec. 14th; Jan. 11th.

South Florida Area 15 Quarterly

So. Fl. Area 15 General Service Quarterly Assembly meets Oct. 17-19 @ Doubletree Hotel Westshore, 4500 W. Cypress St.,

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Email: southcountyaa@bellsouth.net Web site: www.aainpalmbeach.org	
Office Hours	
Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	
Literature, Medallions, Chips, Meeting Lists, Cards, and Gifts	
Officers & Steering Committee	
Chairperson	Al A.
Vice Chair	Ray D.
Treasurer	Ed T.
Secretary	Liz S.
Office Manager	Pam T.
Committee Chairs	
Archives	Pam T.
Bridge the Gap	Tyler F.
General Services Liaison	John E.
Group Information	Pat C.
Hospitals & Institutions	Ken F.
Public Information	Bill J. Lucas P. C.
Special Events	Rob A. Marielle H.
Telephone Relay	Drew M.
Webmaster	Joe P.
Where & When	John S.
Intergroup Gratitude Dinner	Rick G.
Serenity Scramble	

Birthday Club

Sally C.	7/15/1979	29 Yrs
Irv P.	8/26/1980	28 Yrs
Don B.	9/15/1981	27 Yrs
Celise J.	9/17/1984	24 Yrs
Ron C.	3/30/1986	22 Yrs
Sandy B.	9/03/1988	20 Yrs
Pam R.	8/13/1989	19 Yrs
Jim M.	9/10/1994	14 Yrs
Ray D.	9/15/1999	9 Yrs
Alex	9/21/2002	6 Yrs
Petti T.	9/19/2005	3 Yrs
Janice F.	8/29/2007	1 Yr
Jeff E.	9/17/2007	1 Yr



- Boynton Beach Group
- Lunch Bunch
- Ask It Basket – Boca Pi
- Boca Man's
- New Life Group
- We Are Not Saints
- Boynton Beach Group
- Women Living Sober
- New Life Group
- Principles in Practice
- Boca Boyz

Join The Birthday Club!

If you or your Group is celebrating an AA Anniversary and would like to be added to the list of celebrants, clip and mail this to Intergroup with a suggested donation of \$1 for each year of sobriety. This money is used to carry the message to all alcoholics in South Palm Beach County.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Group: _____

Tampa 33607 (813-879-4800). Sat. Banquet tickets must be received by 9/30 and cost \$30. Make checks payable to District 2, PO Box 20623, Tampa, FL 33622.

**Southeast Regional Forum
with General Service**

The Southeast Regional Forum will be held at the Crown Plaza Knoxville, TN (865.522.2600) from November 21-23. This Forum is put on by the A.A. General Service Board and is open to A.A. members and anyone interested in A.A. ***These forums originated in 1975 and are designed to enhance communication and participation among A.A. members, the General Service Board and staff, and directors from the GSO and A.A. Grapevine.*** There is NO registration fee. For additional info, contact GSO @ 212.870.3120 or go to GSO's web site at www.aa.org, or contact the SPBC Intergroup office.

The Other Events listed below are presented solely as a service to SCANN readers, not as an endorsement by South Palm Beach County Intergroup.

Other Events

Oct. 3-5 Suncoast Roundup '08 –
St. Pete Beach, FL –
www.suncoastroundup.org

**Telephone Relay
Group Commitments**

<u>Group</u>	<u>Month</u>
East Delray Men's	October
Living In Sobriety	November
Boca Raton	December
Speaker Group	

Home Group:

Sobriety Date: _____ Donation: _____

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